



The Mysteries of Secrecy Where There's No Relief Negative Non-Intervention

Of course J. Edgar Hoover could answer "No" to rumors of the existence of a secret understanding between the United States and Great Britain. His letter to Senator Pittman, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, was an answer to the resolution introduced by Johnson introduced requiring specific information on the subject of America's political commitments abroad. If any, their absence is no guarantee that the United States would not find itself in a future major war that involved the British Commonwealth, however. What secret commitments existed in 1917? But similar outlook surely exists among Anglo-Saxons: not artificially conceived but existing as a result of "many" parallel interests. These facts are recognized among the English-speaking peoples, who take them so much for granted that they usually neglect to impress them on the world as a whole. "No," Secretary Hull may have replied, "we have no secret agreement." He would not have denied an agreement so fundamental no secrecy could hide it.

Relief Predictions — President Roosevelt turns again to relief, from which his administration has had little relief. In discussing the problem with three Administration officials and four Congressional leaders, estimates of funds needed reach from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. After conferring with Treasury Secretary Morgenthau, Acting Budget Director Bell and Acting WPA Director Aubrey Williams, yesterday, the President now desires the opinion of Congress. His opinion on Capitol Hill is that Administration leaders have agreed on relief needs of the nation, they now seek concurrence in Congressional circles.

Over-Optimistic — A postponement of the meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee on Spain which was scheduled for Friday is disappointing to those who had expected that steps might be taken in the near future toward justifying the Committee's name. But as G. B. Shaw would say, "What's one disappointment among so many?" It had been hoped that an agreement for removal of foreign legions from Iberia might actually materialize. Now the most that is hoped is that Administration leaders have agreed on relief needs of the nation, they now seek concurrence in Congressional circles.

Yelling in Ireland — Northern Ireland goes to the polls tomorrow. The decision will rest on the issue of all Ireland or the definite continuation of the entity of the northern counties. Conversations in London between Eire's Prime Minister Eamon de Valera and British Prime Minister Chamberlain prompted Belfast Prime Minister Craigavon to call the election several months ahead to avoid, as he said, further danger to Northern Ireland. "Ulster shall remain a part of the United Kingdom without any further compromise or bargaining," he declares. The present election will prove whether he is correct.

Vote Us Out — Sloan is a New York state village with a high tax rate. Its 3,600 inhabitants wanted to do something about it. So did local politicians. Ergo: When the voters went to the polls they will be privileged to vote on two platforms, each of which includes the proposition that, if elected, the officials pledge themselves to call for the dissolution of the community as an incorporated village. Even the mayor promises to help dispose himself of a job. The plea is that if the town of Cheektowaga should take over the governmental functions of the village taxes therein would be reduced by 40 or 50 per cent.

Romanian Coals of Fire — Following conflict with the gendarmerie, when two members of their party were shot, the "All for Fatherland" party withdrew from further electioneering. But Party Leader Codreanu explains that the party's readiness to restore order springs from its conviction of party loyalty. "Attack us," says he, "but we will not return your blows." Rule in peace. But, remember, that in future you will try in vain to extend to us your bloody hand.

At the War Front — War in the Orient is now in the hands of the Spanish conflict enjoys a comparative lull. After a four-day offensive the Spanish insurgents now turn to consolidating gains. But Japan's brown legions aim for the heart of China in a new drive. The diplomatic sector meanwhile keeps seething with activity. In the Orient is the temporarily pessimistic question of non-intervention; in the Orient is the strategy of conquest to keep war undeclared.

Helium Export Is Licensed For Zeppelin's Use

First Shipment of Gas to Germany Is Approved

Safety Measure

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The State Department announced yesterday it had issued a license for the export of 2,600,000 cubic feet of helium to Germany, the first installment of an allotment of 17,900,000 cubic feet.

The gas is for the new German Zeppelin LZ-130, which is destined to start flying between Germany and the United States in June. Helium is being used to prevent a future explosion such as destroyed the Hindenburg last May 6.

The State Department also announced that permits for the export of \$2,462,003 worth of war material to Argentina had been issued in January. This is made up almost entirely of airplanes. Argentina headed the list of January purchasers of American war goods.

War Exports to Far East — Japan and China were comparatively low in the list, the former buying \$538,243 worth, the latter \$380,091.

It was pointed out at the State Department today that certain conditions hedge the export of helium to Germany. These are: It must be used solely for commercial airships; specifications regarding it and its route must be communicated in detail to the Arms Control Board of the State Department. The airship must have a terminal in the United States.

Some of the helium will be kept in this country to make up for leakage on the trips from Germany to the United States.

Two American naval officers have the right to passage on the airship on each voyage to acquire experience in airship operation.

The helium is sold Germany at a little over one cent per cubic foot.

Too Vulnerable in War — Military observers said that there was no chance of the helium being used for war purposes, since airships would be too vulnerable to attack from anti-aircraft guns and airplanes.

Certain opposition has risen in Congress to the export of helium on the ground that it might be used for war.

Three other licenses were issued for the export of helium, two to Great Britain, one to Canada, for medical use.

The Netherlands and Dutch Indies were the second largest January buyers of American war materials, taking \$94,535 worth. Poland, Japan, Rumania, Soviet Russia and China followed in that order.

New Roosevelt Book Venture Unprecedented in His Office

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Issuance of "The Public Papers and Addresses of Franklin D. Roosevelt," which will be published in five volumes in mid-March, is believed to be an unprecedented act for an American Chief Executive while still in office.

Moreover, prefaces to the five volumes as well as extensive notes, all written by the President himself, will be published in newspaper syndicate and magazine form.

President rights were offered to the North American Newspaper Alliance, according to a copyright notice published by that organization today, for \$100,000, but were not accepted. Instead, newspaper distribution has been announced by the United Features Syndicate, and periodical publication by the magazine Liberty.

Of the \$100,000 for newspaper rights, 10 per cent was to have gone to a New York literary agent, 35 per cent to Justice Samuel I. Rosenman of the New York Supreme Court, who edited the books, and presumably the remainder to President Roosevelt. When the White House Secretariat was asked if the proceeds would go to charity, the answer was in the negative, and a statement of the President's, at his press conference yesterday was said to cover the whole subject. The five volumes will, of course, be offered for public sale.

Not "Writing for Papers" — Asked yesterday if it was true that he had taken up "writing for the newspapers," President Roosevelt said it was not. He explained, however, that the five prefaces to his five volumes of public papers, as well as notes to the speeches, bills, messages, executive orders, and so on, which fill the volumes, would be offered for newspaper publication. The notes, Mr. Roosevelt said, were of some interest, and would be sold to the newspaper syndicates.

Publication of the state papers of most American Presidents has been deferred until after the completion of their terms of office. In this instance, the documents fall within Mr. Roosevelt's four years in Albany, his first term in the White House.

Announcement of the publication was made about a year ago. Since that time, not only Justice Rosenman but secretaries and clerical assistants in the White House have

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Green Opposes Union Violence; Calls It Futile

He, With Other Leaders, Sees Advance Only by Decency and Order

Points to Change

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—Charges of incendiarism were added yesterday to the lengthy account of labor terrorism which has plagued northwestern Oregon for months past. Police accused one labor executive of employing three men to burn a picketed lumber yard at Salem, another of hiring three teamsters to destroy two fuel trucks here, and two others of inducing three men to hurl acid bombs into a Portland laundry.

Three arrests brought the total to 47 in the anti-terrorism campaign after more than 200 instances of violence had been reported.

The A. F. of L. Central Labor Council last night withdrew support from those of its members accused of attempted bombing of vessels.

By Frederick W. Carr

The Christian Science Monitor

Violence is thoroughly repudiated by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, and other leaders as a strategy or policy of the labor movement.

"Organized labor abhors calculated violence," said Mr. Green in replying to a request from the Monitor for a statement on this sometimes disturbing issue.

"The best interests of the workers will never be served by tactics adopted from hoodlums and gangsters."

The labor movement can advance permanently only through policies of decency and order. It has won its present eminence by right, accompanied by honesty and responsibility, and will continue to advance only through methods which deserve respect.

In disavowing violence as a labor policy, Mr. Green is backed by perhaps the most important labor event of the past year which, in the judgment of some of the best thinkers of the A. F. of L., makes the use of violence not only unjustifiable but "definitely and viciously wrong."

The new deterrent is the establishment of the law guaranteeing workers the right to organize without molestation by their employers, in short the validation of the National Labor Relations Act.

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When the war ended, a huge financial surplus was left, and in the summer of 1919 the Belgian Government officially entrusted to Mr. Hoover the disposal of the money.

It was used in rebuilding famous universities at Brussels, Ghent, Liege and Louvain, and other educational and scientific institutions in Belgium.

In all, more than \$90,000,000 has been expended from the relief fund residue, among other things financing a Belgian-American version of Rhodes Scholarship, which sent more than 800 Belgians and Americans across the ocean.

Prior to his departure on the United States liner Washington, Mr. Hoover commented on reports that he would be decorated by the Belgian Government, saying he had never received a decoration from any foreign government and "there will be none this time."

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More Changes Due

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The "clean-up" in military and diplomatic spheres is now semi-officially declared ended, but lesser changes in various individual Ministries by their new chiefs are due in the near future, according to well-informed circles here today.

Some more officers of lower rank are expected to leave the army soon, while the withdrawal of the four important Ambassadors to London, Vienna, Rome and Tokyo will also have repercussions throughout the diplomatic circles of the Reich.

That the new Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, will effect many changes among officials is certain. Among them will be the disappearance of the existing Press Section of the Foreign Office which has been in fact superfluous in the Third Reich. This will undoubtedly be absorbed in the Press Department of the Ministry of Propaganda which usurped its functions long ago.

The important problem is that of the absorption of permanent officials who are to be replaced. For some of the higher ones room will be found in the Foreign Service, but the younger ones are neither pensionable nor trained for other jobs.

Interested in British Move

Establishment of the new British Empire Publicity Department under Sir Robert Vansittart attracts much attention here. Due acknowledgment having been made as to the diplomatic experience of the new chief, the German press then speaks rather ironically of the enthusiastic welcome given in England to the new propaganda idea.

It is pointed out that when Germany established the Ministry of Propaganda and a Foreign Section of the National Socialist Party, England could only see therein the evidence of a so-called German menace.

If England has suddenly awakened to the importance of this idea of propaganda it should also remember, one paper adds, that the best enlightenment can always be given through deeds, and through the moral attitude behind such deeds.

Alleged Unfairness to France

An example of this better enlightenment would appear to the German press to exist in the abandonment of England's "one-sided" attitude upon Germany. France in connection with Mediterranean piracy. If only England could be led to realize General Franco's important contribution to "the restoration of law and order" in Spain, it is argued here, and to appreciate his endeavor to establish good relations between Spain and other nations then it would be obvious that he would not sink two English ships.

References to Spain indicate that German interests in that country have seemed spent. The Reich has suddenly re-awakened its Iberian interests—just at the time when Italy's relations with England and France in the Mediterranean.

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Educators Work on Programs To Radiocast in New Channels

News in Radio

Now that United States educators have been granted 25 channels in the ultra-high-frequency band, they are preparing to demonstrate how to raise the public's mental level, having pleaded and harangued before federal authorities and commercial networks for years for facilities and time. Their programs will, of course, be entirely non-commercial under the new allotments.

The significance of this grant is perhaps not perceptible to even a great many educators who have previously fought vain battles for wave lengths. It means that almost every county or city, college, university or school that wants a wave length may, within certain restrictions, have one. In most cases ultra-high-frequency channels will provide local service so that they may be laid down more closely than the present medium-wave radiocasters. Separations as small as 25 miles may be allowable with due respect so that frequencies will not be duplicated at too close intervals.

Dr. Angell on Board
Educational radiocasting never before has reached such a peak. Commercial networks are taking a growing interest in it and have offered frequent and desirable periods during which educators could radiocast.

The National Broadcasting Company has appointed Dr. James Rowland Angell, former president of Yale, as Educational Counselor on its Board of Directors. The NBC radiocasts a number of educational programs of which the Walter Damrosch concert is perhaps the most notable.

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East River Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Sparling of New York City. Mr. Sparling, who is the proprietor of a tiny shipyard, bought the Yacht Colleen for a home when dissatisfaction with apartments prompted him to find a place near his work.

New York Couple Hitch Their Home To Husband's Job

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Sylvester Sparling, proprietor of a tiny shipyard on the East River, is one New Yorker, at least, who intends to be right on top of his job most of the time, and to do this he maintains a comfortable home aboard the yacht Colleen right at his establishment.

Tied up directly across from some of New York City's most imposing skyscrapers, the Colleen offers a residence which Mr. and Mrs. Sparling hold is worth more than all the luxuries of an ultra-modern apartment. They have even a better view of the city's skyline than all save the most fortunate Manhattan apartment dwellers, and at the same time miss a great many of the discomforts associated with urban living.

When Mr. Sparling goes to work after breakfast, for example, he doesn't have to worry about digging up nickels for the subway, or get crushed in the underground trains which millions of New Yorkers endure twice daily. Meanwhile Mrs. Sparling finds living aboard the Colleen, with its compact equipment, quite an easy mode of housekeeping.

Dissatisfaction with apartments and growing piles of rent receipts led to the purchase of the yacht, which is 98 feet long. There are staterooms for five persons and crew quarters for six. This is fortunate for the Sparlings, who enjoy company and have lots of it. Friends apparently find entertainment aboard ship to be intriguing.

"Now and then we cast off our lines for a voyage on lovely Long Island Sound but most of the time we are content to lie snug and sheltered in our cove, watching the larger ships on their way to Boston and many pleasure craft, flying the river," Mrs. Sparling told a Monitor reporter.

"Sometimes a stately yacht passes our way. Again there are fussy little tugboats piloting bulky barges up and down, struggling against ferocious tides and making swift passages when the current is right."

"We see the towers of Manhattan across the river as an endless panorama," Mrs. Sparling continued. "They are golden in the morning sunshine, misty with clouds at noon, sparkling with myriad lights at night. Sometimes the island seems very close to us in the clear air. Often it is distant and mysterious, a veritable dream city that might be Bagdad."

Pennsylvania to Mark Tercentenary in April
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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Rapid crystallization of plans for state-wide celebration of Forefather's Day on April 9 has been announced by Frank W. Melvin, chairman of the Pennsylvania 300th Anniversary Commission.

The observance will mark the landing, a few miles below Chester, on April 9, 1638, of the Swedes who later helped colonize present-day Pennsylvania.

Wolmer Philip Bostrom, Swedish Minister to the United States; U. S. Senator Joseph P. Guffey and Gov. George H. Earle, will speak at a banquet in Philadelphia as part of the celebration. Mr. Melvin said, with their address carrying Pennsylvania's 300th birthday greetings to the nation over a coast-to-coast radio hook-up.

Patriotic, civic, religious, fraternal and historical organizations in hundreds of cities and towns throughout the State have also planned observances. April 8, 1938, was recently proclaimed a legal holiday by Governor Earle under authority granted by the last General Assembly.

Of All Things . . .

Big City, Little School

NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's largest city, with its 1,250,000 school pupils, still has its "little red school-houses."

A resolution to close one of them is on the calendar of the Board of Education for action.
A three-room, gray clapboard building with a red shingle roof which has stood since 1885 on the far end of Staten Island, where the towers of lower Manhattan scarcely are visible on a dull day. The four pupils in the tiny school were transferred recently to a large consolidated school a mile and a half away.

Still, Emmanuel F. Van Dam, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, has disclosed, there are four other one-teacher schools left on Staten Island, which comprises the smallest of Greater New York's five boroughs.

Reliefless Town

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OGDEN, Utah—J. X. Gardner, WPA Relief Director for northern Utah, believes that his native Pine Valley, is ideal town as far as relief matters are concerned.

The reasons are these: It has never had a person on relief, there has never been any type of relief work in the town, a delinquent tax roll is a rarity, and few residents even have charge accounts. When federal rural rehabilitation workers started to plan a project in Pine Valley, the citizens held a protest meeting, told them "we don't want any relief" and obliged them to withdraw.

There are about 15 families in the community, most of them engaged in lumbering or stock raising.

House Passes Farm Bill

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The real fight over the complex 1938 farm bill will come in the Senate. The House passed the bill today, 263 to 135, irrespective of the fact that the two biggest farm organizations—the American Farm Bureau Federation and the National Grange—were split over the legislation, the first backing it, the second demanding that it be stripped of compulsory features.

In the House, the parliamentary situation was so maneuvered that members had either to vote for the measure or against it, with none of that latitude for amendment and alteration which will arise in the Senate.

Debate Is Limited

The final debate in the House on the 121-page bill was limited to four hours. The mixed reception accorded the revised bill by the farm organizations indicated the division in the ranks of agriculture.

"We anticipate that revision will be required and we doubt that funds authorized to be appropriated are sufficient to fully justify the objectives of the measure," said the letter of the Farm Bureau Federation. But it added:

"However, it is our belief that this bill, if enacted into law, will provide for a program that will attract the maximum voluntary support of farmers and embodies the necessary provisions to constitute the basis for a sound and permanent national program for agriculture and should be passed by Congress."

The National Grange protested compulsory features, and the "gag rule" in the House.

Regimentation Charged
"The major provisions of the bill," it declared, "call for a degree of governmental control and regimentation that is wholly unnecessary and that is incompatible with all our best American ideals and traditions."

"This bill has been in conference for more than 30 days and it affects the rights and liberties of both producers and consumers. The printed report of the conference committee has been available but a few hours. There certainly is no justification

for attempting to pass this measure under gag rule."
Despite this the House by a standing vote agreed 161 to 98 to the four hour debate limitation, in a rule barring all amendment.

Objects of Bill
The bill was presented to Congress by Representative Marvin Jones (D) of Texas, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, as an effort to compensate the farmer for his losses under tariff protection to industry.

The complicated report continued soil conservation benefits and added control machinery for five major crops, cotton, corn, wheat, tobacco and rice.
Marketing quotas are provided, on approval of farmers, when production passes surplus points. Parity payments are assured farmers, "if and when" funds are available. And a start is provided on government crop insurance, beginning with wheat.

Lewis Dines at White House
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—John L. Lewis, C. I. O. leader, dined at the White House last night. He and Mrs. Lewis were among 90 guests at a state dinner for the Speaker of the House and Mrs. Bankhead.

William Green, President of the rival American Federation of Labor, attended a White House dinner about a month ago.

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Lehman Gets Bill Insuring Jobless 'White Collar' Men

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—With heavy calendars the order in both legislative chambers as party leaders seek to clear the way for March adjournment, Governor Lehman today had the first two of his 1938 program bills before him for signature. These extend the provisions of the State's Unemployment Insurance Act and implement low-cost housing projects.

Both measures had unanimous approval, although protracted debates preceded action in each house, with that on the jobs insurance amendment to include white-collar workers receiving \$3,000 or more annually in unemployment benefits particularly focusing discussion.

Led by State Senator Thomas C. Desmond, Newburgh, Republican, who initiated the move to amend the state law two years ago, the Republican minority questioned the sincerity of the changes which, they held, did not go far enough.

Mr. Desmond declared the State Administration had been "stupid, ignorant, and bigoted" in its refusal to accept amendments now in practice in 30 other states, including special rates for the steady employer as compared to the fly-by-night who lays off employees periodically. He criticized the Department of Labor and Industry as "rotten, inefficient, and extravagant," asking what business was to do "with the wretched New Deal legislation in Washington and Albany."

"The difference between Republicans and Democrats," he continued, "is that we are not against social legislation, but against cock-eyed legislation which doesn't solve the problem."

"But the people see the gold brick

you have sold them in the name of social legislation, and will choose a Republican Administration next fall here in Albany."

All this, to the Democrats defending the Lehman amendments, was only "an acceptance speech" by Mr. Desmond, who has been high in the list of his party's aspirants for the governorship nomination since 1932. The Governor was "a great humanitarian," it was declared, who undoubtedly would be drafted to run again this year, with Republicans and Democrats joined in his support.

The bill passed without dissent after State Senator Perley A. Pitcher, Minority Leader, remarked that he thought Republican Party principles should be left to the Republican State Convention.
The low-cost housing proposal, which would permit insurance firms to finance this type of construction, found its chief attackers in the American Labor Party bloc, whose spokesmen characterized the measure as a "joke" because it fixed no rent charge limitation. This faction stressed it would support the bill because it provided jobs, but was not "deluded into the belief that this was a low-cost housing measure," or had any purpose other than "to permit insurance companies to go into the real estate business."

Following a favoring Assembly vote of 90 to 46, the Senate has before it a bill amending the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Law to provide for local option in towns for summer hotel licenses. Assemblyman Fred S. Hollowell, Yates Republican, sponsored the bill on the premise that the Liquor Board had the power to issue such a license even though a town might vote dry.

Passengers to Fly Over South Atlantic

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The Department of Commerce said today passenger air service would be started between Paris and South America this summer.

Information from the American commercial attaché at Buenos Aires indicates Air France Lines will conduct a weekly service over a 9,000-mile route extending from Paris to Buenos Aires and requiring about four days each trip. The seaplanes will be equipped to carry eight passengers and cruise at about 200 miles an hour. Mail service has been in operation for some time.

British-U. S. Talks To Omit Currency

LONDON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, said in the House of Commons yesterday that forthcoming Anglo-American trade negotiations would not consider the problems of international currency stabilization and of world price levels.

When a member asked Mr. Stanley if he thought a "mere agreement to reduce certain tariffs is going to be of any value" without some understanding on those problems, Mr. Stanley replied:
"I quite agree as to the importance of these other matters, but they are not necessarily appropriate matters for a trade agreement."

Guatemala Hails Flight Of 58 U. S. Army Planes

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala, Feb. 9 (AP)—A fleet of 58 United States Army planes on a good will flight across Central America landed here yesterday from the Army's Canal Zone base.

A 21-gun salute was accorded the flyers as they arrived at the airport, where a tremendous crowd, including high government officials, welcomed them. Besides social and official receptions, a review of the United States planes and Guatemalan soldiers will be held tomorrow.

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Reich Watches Negotiations Of Great Britain and Italy

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terran appear to be undergoing an important change. The speed with which Italy accepted the recent Anglo-French anti-piracy proposals has to a large extent outweighed Premier Mussolini's congratulatory telegram for the Feb. 4 events here in the opinion of many Germans who see in the new Rome move toward the Western democracies and especially the renewal of attempts for an accord with Britain the Duce's unfavorable reaction to any idea of National Socialist activity in Austria.

Keeping Hands-Off on Spain
So-called moderate opinion here, especially in the Army, has always been opposed to any great German commitments in Spain. This view is considered still to hold true after the Feb. 4 changes. Simultaneously future German action in Spain is considered vitally important to German-Italian relations and German Central European policy in the near future. Italy cannot continue to render decisive aid to General Franco without strong German support and if this latter should be given to the extent considered necessary to end the "Bolshevik terror" in Spain it would involve far-reaching European repercussions; on the other hand strong German support for Italian intervention in Spain would simultaneously weaken the possibilities of Italian reaction to any German action in Austria and pro-

vide the opportunity, should the Third Reich desire, to pursue certain developments in that region. Hence it is not difficult to realize that the results of the coming meeting in London of the International Non-Intervention Committee are awaited with deep interest here.

Sales Tax Looms For Philadelphia

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9.—Repeal of the vetoed 2 per cent retail sales tax for Philadelphia now appears almost inevitable, following the recent collapse of the substitute program offered by business men. The supplementary plan appeared doomed when Mayor S. Davis Wilson and other city officials walked out of a budget conference after three hours of what one councilman described as "wrangling, wrangling, wrangling."

Although the conference, fifth in as many days, ended in more of a deadlock than ever, Albert M. Greenfield for the business men remained "hopeful," and said he would call more meetings. Councilmen said they were through, however, and would not attend.

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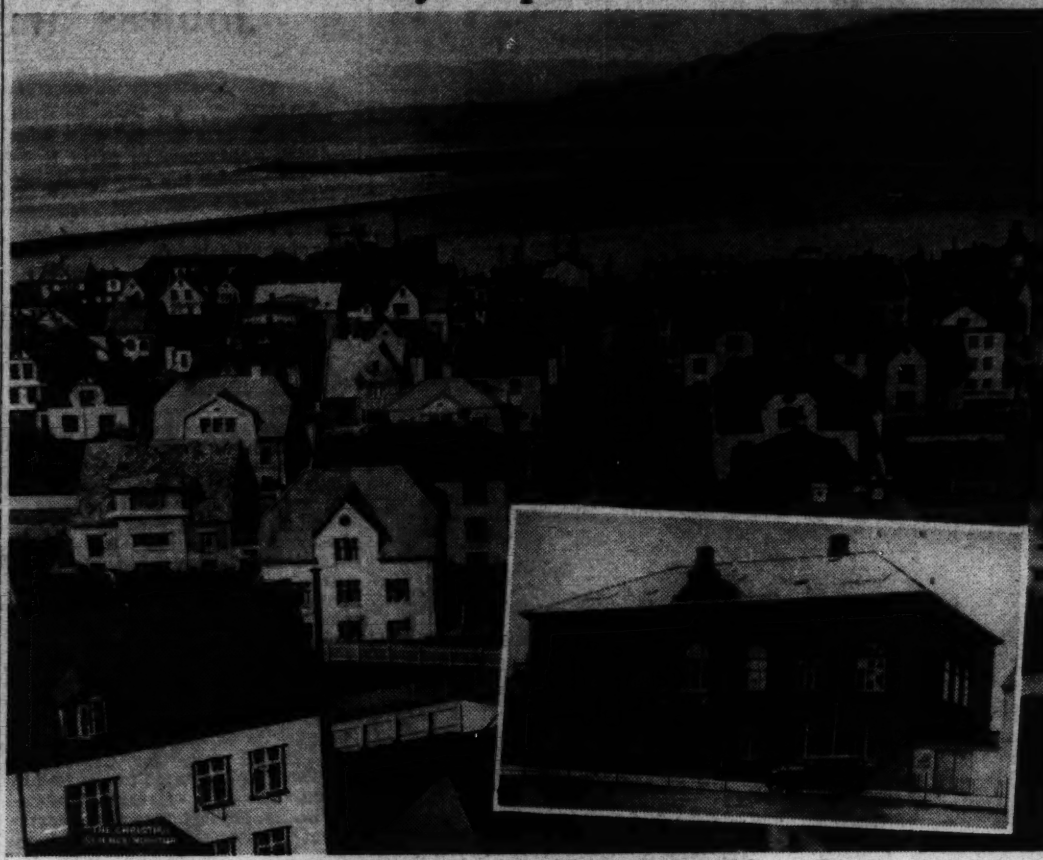
behind the scenes partly because of the nature of her work and partly because of an innate modesty, took up the work of code solving during the World War when there was a great need for experts to study intercepted messages which came in thick and fast. After the war was over there proved to be a steady demand for her services from other government offices. During the last few years she has been attached to the Intelligence Office of the Coast Guard aiding in the apprehension of smugglers.

A graduate of Wooster College, she became interested in code-solving while studying the bilateral code of Sir Francis Bacon, in which he is said by some to have concealed the fact that he had written the plays of Shakespeare.

During and since prohibition days, Mrs. Friedman has been instrumental in breaking up powerful liquor smuggling rings. She was a key witness in the "I'm Alone" case. Government authorities here have long credited Mrs. Friedman with the saving of hundreds of thousands of dollars for the United States Government, but this is the first time they have allowed her services to be utilized by another government.

But every code message Mrs. Friedman breaks down does not reveal a million-dollar conspiracy or a breath-taking intrigue. Some times she will work for days on one only to find a simple statement from husband to wife that "all is well at home."

A Parliamentary Capital Since 927 A. D.



General View of the City Looking Toward the Harbor

The Althing Building

Quebec's Red Padlock Tested; Blue Shirts Use Propaganda

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"padlock law," before he had even considered the matter, he announced that he would not receive any delegations on the subject, and warned that continuance of pressure upon him would be of no avail.

Premier Duplessis, who is also Attorney General of the Province, began his operations under the "Padlock Law" Nov. 9 when on his instructions the police raided the offices of the Montreal weekly newspaper *La Liberté* (The Light), a Communist paper, but, according to Communists, not the official organ of the Party. Having seized all records, back numbers and other literature the police padlocked the building, making no arrests.

The same day the Civil Liberties Union announced its intention of challenging the Government's action in the Courts. Under the leadership of R. L. Calder, it appealed for invalidation of the new law, contending that it was no more valid than Alberta's bill to license the banks of the Province, a measure which had been disallowed by the Federal Government.

Other moves under the "Padlock Law" were the seizure of 700 copies of the Communist daily *the Clarion*, published in Toronto, the capture of 800 books in a raid on headquarters of the Canadian Labor Circle, raids on a number of homes of Communists and others toward the middle of last month and a "raid" on a school carried on by the Ukrainian Labor Farmer Temple Association. The school was padlocked.

Commenting on this last raid, John Chitrensky, Secretary to the Ukrainian organization, denied that the Association was Communist, or that it maintained a Communist school.

On Jan. 21, an automobile, owned by James Gauld, used for distributing *La Liberté* and the *Clarion*, was seized while Mr. Gauld was sitting in it, taken to police station and "detained," though no charges were made. Legal proceedings are being instituted in an attempt to regain ownership of the car.

The "Padlock Law" has already been the subject of debate in the Federal Parliament when, at the beginning of this month, J. S. Woods, C. C. F. leader made a strong appeal to the Federal Parliament to protect the rights of the citizens. On the other hand Premier Duplessis, who has generally received the support of Roman Catholic Church leaders in the State, has had the backing of the Federation of (Roman) Catholic Workers of Canada, who have urged the Federal Government to stop foreign labor organizers at the border and to outlaw the Canadian Communist Party.

The unpadding of one padlocked building was allowed by Mr. Justice Decary, but only on condition that a bond of \$2000 be deposited as guarantee that no Communist activities be carried on there. The proprietor said he was unaware of Communist activities being engaged in on his premises and that he had already broken the lease with the tenant involved.

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Popular Front Move Spreads On to Iceland

REYKJAVIK, Iceland (AP).—The "Popular Front" movement in Iceland's 1,011-year-old Parliament, the Althing, is gaining ground.

Peeling in favor of a union among the three Communist deputies in the Althing, the world's oldest legislature, and the eight Social Democrats again has developed. The project was first brought up in protracted discussions after last June's elections.

Iceland has no political problems calling for such an alliance, but the new political trends have affected this father of parliaments, which came into being this way:
At the dawn of the tenth century, one Unfríðr, a dissatisfied Viking from what is now Norway, sailed northward with others to find a new home. He landed on an uninhabited, icebound land today known as the Independent Kingdom of Iceland, under the sovereignty of the King of Denmark and Iceland.

Unfríðr, a feuding his fellow colonists should have a parliament, revisited his homeland, Norway, to obtain a set of rules.
Meanwhile, his brother, Grímr Geitaskór, journeyed all around Iceland till he found a site for the parliament, which he called the Althing, meaning "general assembly." He found a sheltered spot near modern Reykjavik, the capital, which he called the "Thingvellir," or parliament valley.

The first session of the Althing, held in the first of the Thingvellir in 927 A. D., the members, at that time virtually all the colonists, were compelled to be present, on pain of incurring severe penalties.

This compulsory attendance has been a feature of the practically continuous sessions of the Althing since 927. In addition, every free peasant owning more than a fixed sum of money had to attend the sessions or pay the traveling expenses of a substitute. Thus in 1100, there were 4500 persons who were obliged to be in the Thingvellir forum when the Althing met.

Sessions originally were held once yearly, and soon became festival occasions which all Iceland's inhabitants attended either as members or spectators.
In 999, parliamentary procedure was elaborated on constitutional lines still modern today. Each yearly session began, according to these rules, on the first day, at that time a Thursday, in the eleventh summerweek, a date invariably falling between June 18 and June 24. Sessions were in the open air and lasted two weeks.

A "Law Teller" or speaker, literally "law teller," was elected for a three-year term. His duties during sessions, apart from conducting debates, included reading out all parliamentary regulations and all existing legislation. He it was who announced all bills passed by the Althing from the "law hill" above the Thingvellir. Originally composed of 36 "godar"—lords of manors—it was enlarged in 963 to a membership of 48, only one less than its maximum membership today.

The Althing had juridical as well as legislative functions. Thirty-six of its members formed the "All thingslögumadr," a supreme court divided into four sections and superseded in 1005 by a new court, the "Hltdómur" or fifth court. From then on, the Althing functioned almost continually until 1800, when its sittings were suspended for 40 years.

Several times, its membership and the scope of its power changed. Often it became a tool in the hand of one of Iceland's rulers, the Kings of Norway from 1262 to 1814 and the Kings of Denmark since 1814. It was finally rehabilitated in 1918 when Iceland was recognized as an independent kingdom under the sovereignty of the King of Denmark.

Capt. Hoover to Command U. S. Aircraft Carrier

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP).—The Navy Department announced yesterday the assignment of Capt. John H. Hoover, now Commanding Officer of the Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Station, to command the aircraft carrier Lexington. The change will be effective in May or June.

He will succeed Capt. Leigh Noyes. Captain Noyes' new assignment, now Captain Hoover's successor at Norfolk has been announced.

Northern Ireland Vote Dominated By Fusion Issue

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Feb. 9.—Northern Ireland goes to the polls today without any reasonable doubt that the country as a whole will decisively support the continued separation of the northern counties from Eire, the former Irish Free State.

The election has been brought forward several months as a result of the Anglo-Irish conversations in London last month. Eamon de Valera, Belfast Prime Minister, described these talks as a danger to Northern Ireland, seeing that one of the chief objectives of Eamon de Valera, Eire's Prime Minister, is to bring all of Ireland under one governmental roof.

Lord Craigavon has waged his pre-election campaign on the fusion issue, declaring that "Ulster shall remain a part of the United Kingdom without any further compromise or bargaining."

Fledges Loyalty to Empire

In one of his election speeches here, he explained:
"Some critics go so far as to say that we are raising a bogey in order to stampede the electorate and obtain a return to power on the plea of an imaginary danger which offers no real threat to our existence. To such criticism I reply with firm-rooted conviction—and in this I know that I have the whole-hearted support of the loyalists of Ulster—there are forces which have been and are unceasingly at work to deprive us of our birthright and to rob us of the fruits of our long-protracted struggle for the maintenance of the union with the Mother Country."

Memories are short and our cause needs to be re-emphasized at a time like the present. The Ulster question is no new issue. It has come to the forefront at intervals for generations, and it continues to be our chief preoccupation. When, therefore, it reared its head again I decided that the time for renewal and effective action had arrived, and that our answer to Mr. de Valera's challenge should be given without delay. That answer will be heard on polling day, and I am confident that Ulster will once again declare her unalterable allegiance to the British Crown and Empire."

Critics of Lord Craigavon's regime hold that there is little excuse for the latest "Hands Off Ulster" scare. They point to the fact that both the British Government and Mr. de Valera have declared that there will be no attempt to coerce Northern Ireland back into partnership with the former Irish Free State.

Defense Issue Affected
On the other hand here undoubtedly was some apprehension in Government circles in Belfast lest the British statesmen should make some gesture toward fusion of Ulster and Eire for the sake of obtaining agreement with Mr. de Valera on the defense and trade problems which are of considerable importance to Britain at the present time of rearmament.

But whether or not it was necessary to save up the election, it cannot be denied that the call for loyalty to the mother country has rallied Ulster opinion throughout the six counties. This will do much to offset the losses which are national to a Government which has been in power for 17 years.

(The term Ulster in Northern Ireland politics refers to the aged issue of union with Great Britain, not the comparatively new issue of union between the Protestant North and Roman Catholic South of Ireland.)

Four of the five parties in the Ulster field are against union with Ireland. Beneath this issue are numerous domestic questions on which all anti-government parties hope to end the 17-year rule of Lord Craigavon and his party. The Independent Union Party charged that the fusion question was only a sham. The Progressive Party, though differing with the Government on domestic issues, stand with it against fusion.

Demands Red Inquiry
MONTREAL, Feb. 9 (CP).—Demands for investigation into Communism and into party politics in Canada were made by resolution at a meeting of 700 persons addressed by Adrien Arcand, Chief of the Fascist Party in Canada.

About 125 of Mr. Arcand's black-shirted followers, in uniform, attended the meeting. Five plainclothes officers of the Montreal Police were on hand, but took no action.

The Party Leader declared Canada was a rich country, and the Fascists intended to keep its riches for Canadians. It was the duty of every Canadian, he said, to put his private behind the Fascist Party to accomplish the saving of the Dominion for its citizens.

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Green Repudiates Violence, As Do Other Union Leaders

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National Labor Relations Act by decision of the United States Supreme Court.

As yet the unconscious brake which the act may put on violence has barely been recognized in the labor world. The significance is seen as this: If labor is going to depend more than ever on law, it must abide by and foster the law by which it chooses to prosper. Labor cannot both use and ignore law.

On the other hand, if the labor movement bends unreservedly to ward law and order, it will naturally expect management to make the same contribution and refrain from violence.

"For the first time organized labor has gained the support of the statute law and been given a place in American society which makes the use of violence altogether unwarranted," comments a national labor leader who is one of the keenest on questions of the law and of labor's relations with the public.

"The fact is that we are now receiving more help and encouragement from government than ever before in the history of the labor world. That's true, no matter how dubiously the Wagner Act is being administered."

"The Labor Board machinery we ought to use and keep in step with the public sympathy, rather than resort to tactics that might be justified only if labor were an outlaw movement with no other way possible of expressing itself. The contrary, however, is the case."

Organized Labor Protected
Trade unions are today protected in their high road, organized without interference from employer. Organized labor has now the best standing it ever had in the law. With this new place goes a new responsibility.

"Union labor has to proceed on the basis of good morals, a matter of fact the trade union movement was built up on this foundation. It could never have gained its position in the supreme law if it hadn't. And it will not keep its present status unless it sticks to good morals."

"If any new men have come into unions out of a great sense of injustice, who think that because of their grievances anything they may do is O. K., they need to learn better."

"What's the use of trying to settle a thing by smashing the other fellow? There isn't anything in it. You merely get yourself and your movement in wrong. Such things should stop. They gain nothing. Violence backfires on the whole cause. It brings a terrific reaction in the public thought."

Does Not Call for Violence
"There is plenty of room for aggressive fight with employers that calls for all the ingenuity a labor leader can develop, but does not call for the gun, club or brick. Many of those, I've observed, who use violence are not capable of using the better and more effective methods. Violence has never produced a good leader on the whole."

"Everything I've learned in life, and it's been a long and active one in the labor movement, has pointed away from violence. I've never met a man who has profited from it. It's a snare. It may seem to produce results for a moment, but no lasting good comes of it."

"Personal injury and destruction of property are offenses against law and society. The public is less inclined to stand for them today than ever before. Meantime, labor is heading toward higher standards of public order, as it is, labor demands an equal observance of law and abstention from violence on the part of employers."

"Without doubt, organized labor has achieved this year its highest recognition in American law. It cannot pick and choose. Receiving new help from law, labor must give new help to law."

Good Morals, the Standard
"It all comes to this: the use of violence is contrary to good morals, and good morals must be the standard."

The influence of the National Labor Relations Act against violence is attested by another labor chief, the head of an international union which has more than doubled its membership the past year.

"Unions are less justified than ever in the use of violence under the Wagner Act," he observed. "Resort to force breaks down public sentiment for labor. It reacts in a disastrous manner on the union so far as public opinion is concerned."

"Violence always leads to violence, whether by employer or employee. You can't build a lasting trade union movement on violence."

Those who live by the sword must perish by the sword."

The strategy of violence occasionally used for the anticipated benefit of a single union brings discredit to other unions, much to their dislike. It is pointed out by the president of an international organization of skilled mechanics, commenting on window smashings and bombings in another city, he remarked:

"These things reflect on us. Unfortunately the public only knows what it sees. When it finds property damaged, it thinks that is what organized labor stands for."

"Adoption of bad tactics poisons the public thought against trade unions. It would be good for organized labor in general if such acts were discarded."

Dominion Assists Quebec's Eskimos; Are They Indians?

OTTAWA, Feb. 9 (CP).—While the Courts are endeavoring to decide whether Quebec Eskimos are Indians, as defined in Section 91 of the British North America Act, the Dominion is taking responsibility for their relief. It was disclosed by an Order in Council brought down in the House of Commons. All Indians are wards of the Dominion and Quebec claims their Eskimos are Indians under the act.

T. A. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources, presented an Order in Council passed last week authorizing payment of \$11,710 to cover emergency relief given Eskimos in Northern Quebec.

Since March 31, 1933, Quebec has refused to bear cost of relief among Eskimos made necessary by scarcity of game and low fur prices, the order stated. The Dominion has taken this responsibility without prejudice to its right to recover from the Province.

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Japan Prepares Vise Against Chiang

Armies to Advance From Six Points in Long-Planned Campaign

By the Associated Press
SHANGHAI, Feb. 9 — Japanese armies were poised at six points on the Far East map today for a co-ordinated campaign against Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's legions in the heart of eastern China.

The details of the campaign which has been in the making since the first shot was fired seven months ago became apparent through new military movements.

Japanese military headquarters disclosed the zero hour was approaching in a communiqué which said:

"The troops, with rearranged positions and with morale growing stronger, are impatient for further operations."

The Japanese objective was to bottle up 400,000 Chinese troops along the Lung Hai Railway and conquer the corridor which has kept them from piecing together the Japanese occupied areas in North China and the Yangtze River Valley.

For weeks the Japanese have edged into position for the offensive in a series of victories attributed by the army to "the prestige and virtues of the Emperor and the loyalty and valor of Japanese forces."

But Chinese, facing a six-way attack on the corridor some 300 miles long and 180 to 200 miles wide, found cheer in these developments:

Their troops at the South Central fringe of the corridor have kept Japanese south of the Hwai River;

American Fliers In Chinese 'Legion'

By the Associated Press

Peiping, Feb. 9 — A Japanese Army spokesman declared today that 152 American volunteers, mostly aviators, were serving with the Chinese forces fighting Japan.

He said 19 of the Americans were Negroes.

The spokesman listed a considerable "foreign legion" he said was fighting for China, among them 124 Frenchmen, 55 Britons and 315 citizens of Soviet Russia, including 200 naturalized Chinese. He declared his information came from "foreign sources" but would not say whether it was official.

Way all the foreigners were aviators, he said.

persistent guerrilla attacks behind Japanese lines have hampered Nippon's movement of reinforcements and supplies; China's air force has grown; a steady stream of planes and war materials has reached Central China from the south.

The Lung Hai Railway runs from Hsichow, on the Yellow Sea 775 miles north of Shanghai, through corn, bean and wheat fields to Sian, Shensi Province capital 600 miles to the west. Inland 125 miles it crosses the Tientsin-Pukow Railway at Suchow. At Chengchow, 300 miles from the coast, it crosses the Peiping-Hankow Railway. Midway between these points is Kweihsien.

Two Japanese columns were aimed at the southern border of the Lung Hai Corridor and four were in position on the north. Most of the Chinese force of 400,000 was said to be in the eastern half of the corridor.

The six Japanese columns, designated by their stepping-off places, were:

Hwai River—At Pengpu, 90 miles south of Suchow. Chinese in a series of bitter engagements have kept them south of the river.

Hwaiyuan—Just west of Pengpu, with Hwaiyuan as a base, the second Japanese southern column was striking northwest toward Kweihsien. Occupation of Kweihsien would cut off China's main armies from the interior.

Taining—On the Grand Canal in Southern Shantung Province. This column was prepared for an overland drive southwest of Kweihsien.

Tsingtao—On the Shantung Province seacoast. With reinforcements and supplies direct from the mother country, the Tsingtao column headed southwest to sever the Lung Hai Railway between Hsichow and Suchow.

Tsowhsien—On the Tientsin-Pukow Railway north of Suchow, which was this column's objective.

Changchow—On the Peiping-Hankow Railway 100 miles north of Chengchow. A part of this column struck yesterday occupied the walled town of Nanlo, 125 miles northwest of Kweihsien. It was in position either to drive to Chengchow, Kweihsien or Kaling, between the two Lung Hai points. The main column had reached Tangyin, 12 miles south of Changchow.

Foreign sources said Japanese were sending heavy reinforcements from Tientsin to the Changchow column. These reinforcements included "considerable drafts" of troops from Japanese-dominated Manchukuo.

Tokyo's Reply to Notes on Navy Likely to Repeat Call for Equality

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

TOKYO, Feb. 9 — Draft of the Japanese reply to the notes of inquiry on naval building crystallized today following a conference between Premier Fumimaro Konoye and Navy Minister Mutsuhiro Tominaka.

It is unofficially but reliably predicted that the reply emphasizes, first that Japan is not bound by any treaty or other obligation to convey the requested information; second, that Japan is willing to enter a naval disarmament conference if quantitative limitation is to be discussed.

Simultaneously the Government or Navy probably will issue a statement branding as an irresponsible rumor any report that Japan is planning or planning to build battleships and suggesting that other powers which start building such warships are themselves responsible for the undesired naval race.

So the Government will endeavor to have its cake and eat it too by withholding publicly on naval plans while trying to convince its own people that the responsibility for any naval competitive building lies elsewhere.

The suggestion of naval disarmament on a basis of quantitative limitation, which Japan takes to mean parity with England and America, recalls the hopeless deadlock at the last London Naval Conference. The indications are that the replies to the naval notes will force the American note of last month, protesting deprivations on American property at Nanking, will be delivered in the very near future.

U. S. Intent Queried
TOKYO, Feb. 9 (P)—Tatsuo Kawai, a Foreign Office spokesman, said today in a statement of personal opinion that Japan fails to see the need of American naval expansion if the United States "lacks the intention to quarantine or police foreign waters."

[The United States, Britain and France had asked in formal notes that Japan inform them by Feb. 20 of any plans to build battleships exceeding the 35,000-ton limit set by the 1923 Naval Treaty among the three Powers. Failure of Japan to give assurances she would adhere to the treaty she refused to sign, the notes said, would force the Powers to invoke clauses permitting them to compete with any other nation.]

Mr. Kawai, in his statement which he emphasized was not to be regarded as the Government attitude, stressed carefully the word "quarantine." (President Roosevelt, in an address at Chicago Oct. 5 suggested a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.)

"Lying between the two oceans," Mr. Kawai said, "America occupies a highly favorable position strategically. No nation menaces her. Moreover, vast industrial strength supports her naval strength."

"Therefore, we are unable to understand the necessity for her naval expansion if she does not have the intention to quarantine or police foreign waters."

"We do not see why America regards Japan as a threat."

Fascist 'Volunteer' Curb Seen
LONDON, Feb. 9 (P)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden in the House of Commons today indicated his belief that Premier Mussolini would send no more Fascist "volunteers" to insurgent Gen. Francisco Franco in Spain.

It was understood that the Foreign Secretary was planning to preside over the next meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee on the Spanish War.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
LONDON, Feb. 9 — Postponement until next week of the Spanish non-intervention meeting which had provisionally been set for Friday is

regarded as a hopeful augury in diplomatic circles here.

The reason for the delay is understood to be that efforts are going on behind the scenes to iron out differences of opinion as to the exact stage during the evacuation of volunteers at which a grant of belligerent rights would be justified.

The Earl of Plymouth, Chairman of the Non-Intervention Committee, saw Francis Corbin, the French Ambassador; Ivan Malsky, the Russian Envoy, and Count Dino Grandi, the Italian Ambassador, on this subject yesterday. Count Grandi is understood to have proposed that the commission which is to superintend the evacuation should itself fix the moment when belligerency should be recognized. Some objections were raised, but it is hoped that with certain adjustments and safeguards, the scheme may be made acceptable. In this case the withdrawal commission would be in Spain before the end of March unless new delays arise.

Not everybody, however, is convinced yet that the delay really means to withdraw from Spain, despite irrefutable evidence that such a move would be extremely popular in Italy as well as outside. Some observers feel that the object of the present Italian moves is to show Chancellor Hitler that Italy has other possibilities open to her besides the Rome-Berlin axis. But the British are inclined to keep their eyes closed to possible ulterior motives, and will give Signor Mussolini the benefit of the doubt in the hope of getting something done.

Japanese Disciplined
SHANGHAI, Feb. 9 (P)—Shinroku Hidaka, ranking Japanese diplomat in China, announced today that "more than 10 Japanese soldiers have been court-martialed and punished for breaches of military discipline" at Nanking.

Conditions at the conquered Chinese Capital had brought protests from the United States Government. The most recent protest came after John M. Allison, in charge of the United States Embassy at Nanking, was slapped by a Japanese soldier.

Mr. Hidaka, Charge d'Affaires at Shanghai who returned today from an investigation at Nanking, said he had conferred with Mr. Allison and found pleasant relations prevailing between Japanese Army officials and the American diplomat.

General conditions at Nanking, where foreigners had complained that unruly Japanese soldiers had seized foreign property and shown disrespect to foreign nationals, were described by Mr. Hidaka as improved.

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U. S. Seeks to End Landlord Role In Housing Projects
By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

CHICAGO—Seeking to retire from its job as landlord to private tenants, the Federal Government has pushed 14 of its PWA-built housing projects off its hands by leasing them to city authorities, reports the National Association of Housing Officials.

This decentralization of management, made possible under the Housing Act of 1937, is being brought about slowly. The U. S. Housing Authority, which inherited 51 low-rent housing projects from PWA, still has 37 projects to dispose of. It takes time to get necessary state legislation to permit cities to establish housing authorities, and to get cities to set up local authorities, and finally, for cities to make certain that they have the financial resources necessary for taking over the responsibility.

Chicago was the first city to qualify under the terms of the 1937 Act, and it did not complete negotiations until last November, although its Housing Authority was appointed by the Mayor with approval of the State Housing Board 11 months before. Delay was occasioned here chiefly by difficulties in determining how much the projects should pay the city for services, such as street lighting and police protection, in lieu of taxes from which Federal buildings are exempt.

But not all cities can set up housing authorities and finance them even if they want to, as yet. Only 30 states have passed necessary legislation for this purpose so far, the Housing Officials report. In short, it's easier to recommend decentralization than to bring it to pass.

But 10 cities have qualified and are now managing the Federal projects turned over to them. They are: Omaha, Neb., Buffalo, N. Y., Memphis, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., New York, Chicago, Louisville, Ky., Boston, Cambridge, Mass., and Toledo, Ohio. Chicago has four projects, New York two. In all, the federally built homes now under local management are valued at \$58,960,000.

Warning Coin Is Proposed
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (P)—Rep. Alfred F. Belter (D) of New York proposed yesterday that the Government issue three-cent coins warning the public against the danger of automobile accidents. Besides reducing the number of accidents, he said, the coins would be handy in buying newspapers and paying state sales taxes.

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Reich Picks Attorney for Niemöller

BERLIN, Feb. 9 (P)—The National Socialist State today named an attorney of its own choice to defend the Rev. Dr. Martin Niemöller, militant Protestant leader on trial charged with inciting to disobedience and other offenses against the National Socialist regime.

The way was cleared for this turn of the trial when it developed that Dr. Niemöller had dismissed the three attorneys hitherto conducting his defense and withdrawn their mandates.

Secrecy surrounding the trial also cloaked the Pastor's motives but it was understood that Dr. Niemöller, who had hoped to defend himself in full publicity, was gravely disappointed by failure to keep the courtroom open to the public.

He was reported to have told friends that if he was to be judged in secret he would act like Jesus before Pilate and make no reply to the accusations.

The State declared the trial in suspension until the official defense attorney, whose name was not disclosed, could study the case. Two sessions already had been held with Dr. Niemöller protesting against secrecy, and the next had been scheduled for Feb. 11.

The Special Court trying Dr. Niemöller, who was jailed last July 1, said "it is considered of prime importance that the trial be conducted in accordance with the rules of legal procedure."

The Pastor's attitude was not announced, but his friends believed he would ignore the State-chosen attorney.

Secrecy surrounding the trial has been made more complete through the barring of three church leaders as unofficial witnesses.

Forty-two witnesses were summoned in the first two days of the case contributing testimony which was disclosed to have emphasized the defendant's contention that he always has been a patriot.

His service as commander of a submarine during the World War, his early fight against Communism in Germany and his vote for the National Socialist ticket as early as 1934 were cited in his support.

The Church leaders barred from the courtroom today had been permitted to remain as witnesses yesterday when other spectators were cleared out. Only court attaches and representatives of the Propaganda, Church and Justice Ministries will witness the remainder of the proceedings.

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The Personal Letter—5

By Alice Myers

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

"Blessed be letters," wrote Donald Grant Mitchell; "they are the comforters, they are the only true heart-talkers." And he captured in a sentence the essence of all that is best in those letters we particularly cherish. Have you, too, perched three wonderful letters from a grandfather you loved, letters he wrote to you when you were eight and ten? And do you treasure the memory, if not the originals, of the weekly letters your parents wrote when you were away at school? Then you will know why these words appeared at once as a fitting characterization of "letters to children"—which is the subject of this fifth article on the personal letter.

Highly prized among the many volumes of published correspondence are those comparatively few collections of letters to children. Theodore Roosevelt's, for instance; to Ethel and Kermit, Archie and Ted and Quentin. Precious missives, gay with humor, radiant with affection and comradeship, tender with understanding. Blessed letters, indeed; no wonder they were preserved by those who received them. And now we can enjoy them as a relaxation of your literature; or we can read them to become acquainted with the man who was twenty-sixth President of the United States; or—we can study them to improve our own letters to children.

The Home Relationship
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Hats for Spring

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Felt and straw hat bodies are being featured for spring and in southern resorts, in black, blue, brown and white, accented by facings and trimmings in high shades characteristic of the ancient Aztec crafts.

G. Howard Hodge, importer and designer of millinery at wholesale, shows a variety of alibonettes. For low, crowns are high and brims turned up obliquely on the left side or rippled into soft outlines. For the south the off-the-face hat is sponsored. Very striking are the models that wear large halo brims, faced with bright colors, set on a front bandeau which may combine several shades in its crisscross folds. Crowns in this type of hat are low and contrasted in color with the facing of the brim, and many have an all-over trimming of flowers, lace, net or veiling.

An off-the-face beret is another alibonette. It is really a tam set on a front bandeau, and, again, placed far back.

Shapes showing a "Marco Polo influence" slope without a break from a high peaked crown. Chinese fashion, into a wide, saucer brim; or else wear funny crowns of tiny circumference and immense altitude.

Very little applied, outstanding trimming is employed, interest being supplied in the main by colored facings, stitching, braiding and closely-set crown trimmings.

However, grograin bands and bows often complement the basic scheme and quell-like ornaments cut from grograin rise dramatically on the fronts of a few models.

A Huge Double-Brimmed Plaque of Handwoven Black Paper Panama Forms "The Cake Plate." Its Unusual Edge Is Made of a Spiral of Tiny Silk Ribbon. Wired. The Lacquer Red Camella With Its Green Leaves Adds a Touch of Brightness. The Hat Is Tied With a Hair-Ribbon Bow of Belting Ribbon. By G. Howard Hodge

Frocks Becoming More Ornate

Rich in Hand-Embroidery, Effective in Weave

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

London

The rich hand-embroidery seen on garments this season reminds one of the time when ladies of leisure sat at their needle, producing the skilled work now preserved behind glass in museums. Those ladies had little else to do. With them it was, to all intents and purposes, embroidery or nothing. How then, one asks, is similar work done today with fashions changing so quickly that one has hardly become accustomed to a new style before it is out of date? The elaborate embroidery seen in the shows of the moment is not merely effective; it is skilled work of a very high standard, and only specialists could undertake. Who are these specialists? Panels composed entirely of embroidery form part of evening suits; sleeves may be heavily worked with designs carried out in metal thread; sash ends are weighted with deep embroidery; shoulders of dresses and coats are decorated with ornamental designs worked in padded sequins or soutache braid; velvet jackets have embroidery done in metal thread and jewels; the entire front of a bodice is worked in a silver design. Everything tends towards the ornate, with an increase in sharp, bright color contrasts.

Where actual embroidery is not used, the weave of many materials is so rich as to give almost the same effect.

Colored sequins and spangles are increasingly used to produce a note of gaiety. An evening dress of silk, for example, has sash ends solidly hand-embroidered in opalescent sequins producing a very lovely effect.

Headresses of all sorts are being paid to headresses. In many cases these are made to accentuate the height of the wearer. Here, again, sequins are in evidence. Wired posies formed from sequin flowers are new, also little sequin bows worn at the waist and fastened with hair clips. Silver and gold kid is used for gardenia sprays. The fashionable "top-knot" may be made of colored kid to match shoes and bag. Halos, worn far back on the head, are composed of stiffened same leaves backed with silk to match the dress and bordered with sequins. Velvet leaves, edged with diamante, form wreaths. A high-fronted headress is made of waxed satin. Turbans of twisted or plaited velvet and velvet lamé are easy to wear. Tiny ostrich tips, supported on velvet mounts dyed to match the dress, strike an old-world note.

Evening slippers and sandals may be of velvet, brocade or gold and silver kid. Some are lined with velvet matching the belt or scarf. Others are studded with diamante extending far up the instep. A novel slipper has one side composed of sequins and the other of satin. Colored kid with silver lacing is new.

Gloves Fancy Too

Gloves claim the attention. Many are embellished with perforated designs. Color is worn on all occasions exactly matching the dress. For day wear, the palm of the hand may be of kid and the back of suede. For evening, gloves are very long, extending well above the elbow, and may be finished with bright bands of colored ribbon. Long gloves accompany the bolero ensemble, the bolero and cap of which are covered with small, black wooden beads, cylindrical in shape and polished, the fronts of the gloves being ornamented in the same way. Sugar-pink gloves, in this collection, match the lining of the lamé jacket, and long, colored chiffon gloves, accompanying a lamé gown, are held up with bright velvet garters matching the little velvet necktie.

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Through the Editor's Window

When the Twelfth of February Swings 'Round

By M. L. C. Taylor

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Each year when the twelfth of February swings into the sky, and men say learned sayings of Lincoln the Emancipator, Lincoln the President, Lincoln the great Historical Figure . . . And newspapers print highly organized articles along with a facsimile of one of his letters or a lesser known daguerotype . . .

And Serious Politicians make speeches before Women's Clubs while Famous Educators point out Historical Facts to high school children seated in rows . . .

One who once was a child of the Illinois Prairie muses upon what she would have missed had she not been born in Lincoln's town a few blocks from his old law office, 'round a few corners from his white frame house; had she not trudged along the streets that once saw him going and coming; nor spoken with neighbors whose houses were stored with hand-me-down tales; little homely intimate stories told him disparagingly but with affection for a home-town lawyer fellow who had gone out and got so famous that everybody claimed him.

(Have you seen a red sunset drip over one of my cornfields, the shore of night stars, the wave lines of dawn up a wheat valley?)

To a child of the Illinois Prairie, of the reedy banks of the Sangamon, to a girl of the westward bend of the sweeping Mississippi, it was Abe Lincoln the swapper of stores, Abe Lincoln the husband and Dad over on Jackson Street, Abe Lincoln the Circuit rider joggling along over roads to and from towns mentioned at the breakfast table or called out by train conductors.

"Yes, I knew Lincoln," old men would say, and tell over again, always in the same words and phrases, with the same laughs and the same tenderness, the simple, unimportant stories that the child ever kept in her heart.

This day belonging to Lincoln was always the greatest of holidays, a day ushered in by celebration, by poems and reverent speeches, a day when old men got out worn blue coats and passed around memories of a child could hear. As the years unfolded she was to learn that the children beyond her State border had no such school holiday, that other name days of the Country were written for them in richer colors. But they who were granted no holiday were those who did not know of Lincoln as a neighbor.

Lincoln the long-limbed rangy lawyer who hung out his shingle just down the street. They had been given him later. They could not see as felt a child of the prairie.

Into the stuff of her fervent childish patriotism were woven these stories of the home-town lawyer, stories shot through with memories from a child's experience—the black hair-cloth sofa like the one in her own parlor, the old rocker, and tucked into its lining for safekeeping, a big black cotton umbrella, capacious and useful, with a handle easy for holding by a huge and generous hand. Near these and sundry possessions, lies another as poignantly treasured. A plain gray shawl with wool fringe.

Years had passed and the child had grown older, when first she stood, silent and grateful, before these quiet reminders, and wrote on the heart of her childhood, these three as a footnote to memory.

(Falling and winter apples take on the anemone of the five-petaled November sunset; falling leaves, bonfires, stubble, the old things go, and the earth is grained. The land and the people hold memories of the old things that never grow old.)

*Note: The quotations in small type are all from Carl Sandburg's poem "Prairie," published by Henry Holt.

A Wednesday Column

Shoes by Subtraction

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

While diplomats have struggled, not altogether successfully, to achieve the aim of statesmen, policies "openly arrived at," shoe designers and master cobblers have carried to perfection the open theme. Diplomats may nurse solid, secretive designs, but shoemakers punch holes in their designs, slash them, subtract from their substance, and finally give to the public, so to speak, the hole in the doughnut.

Surrounding the hole there may be a group of disunited, perforated bands, then a barren unfenced waste of high-arched sole, and finally a swinging ankle strap delimiting a vacuum.

This description refers chiefly to evening sandals. They are being made of crepe, jersey, silk and India cotton prints, and some of them are draped rather than constructed, and adjusted to the foot by ends of the fabric that tie in kerchief knots. Formal afternoon shoes, however, also have peeping toes, but they are usually of suede. Street types of leather conceal the toes, but manage to get in a few slashes here and there.

Fronts are not as invariably high as they have been for a few seasons, but when they ascend it seems often to be for the sake of displaying a vivid lacing. For many, many years lacing have done strenuous work on footwear, but only now are their decorative potentialities realized and only now have they clad

themselves in bright colors, contrasted with the shoe.

In beach and sports types, miles and heels are the buttresses of the show. Great clog soles of cork add a cubit to a woman's stature. Heels are aggressively big and awkward and even nipped and beveled in a mood of grotesquerie.

Hint From a Rumanian Home Dressmaker

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Bucharest, Rumania

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Once I put on one of the jackets and saw that it would be very easy to transform it into a jacket for myself. But the skirt! Without hesitation I ripped the seams of the trousers, and saw that the problem was most wonderfully solved: the trousers consisted of four pieces, which I joined together and turned upside down, thus making a long, formless skirt. To fit it on me was the work of half an hour. Now every season I have a new costume. I always carefully consider the knees of the trousers—if they are already thin, then it is impossible to make the skirt. As to the elbows, they can be easily repaired.

The old silk shirts provide me with new blouses. My husband is taller than I and rather slender. My experience shows that nearly any woman can, if in need, transform her husband's old costumes, achieving by that a considerable economy as well as a new suit for herself.

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Mr. Maploony Branches Out

MR. MAPLOONY is not one to criticize the weather unduly. A born farmer, although he has yet to own as much as a radish-patch, he takes what nature hands him and enjoys it. So, when he had made his second slighting remark about the sky, I wondered what else might be bothering him. The week had been dull, I admit, with six or seven days of compact, unmovable cloud of a general asphalt color.

"It looks just like Pennsylvania Avenue upside down," Mr. Maploony exclaimed.

"But without the taxis," I pointed out. "That's something."

"It's bad enough to have perpetual pavement underfoot, let alone overhead. Let's visit South America for a while."

I hadn't notion what he was talking about, but that should never hinder conversation. "Then there's New Zealand if we get bored," I suggested.

"Idiot," I think he said. We had been taking our daily constitutional on Constitution Avenue—and had arrived at Seventeenth Street, with a twitch of my elbow, he propelled me up the marble steps and into the handsome building of the Pan American Union.

This is one of Washington's advantages—you can have any environment you please, for a little habit-breaking. I had walked past this edifice with its portal-guarding pylons by Borglum and Konti, its bronze gates and inlaid life roof, some hundreds of times without adventuring in. Now, by a mere pressure on a door, I was swallowed up in South America. I was surrounded by palms and papaya. I heard water tinkling and a macaw clearing its throat. I was wafted jungleward by gleaming ferns and orchids suspended in the air. I saw humming-birds with breasts like the corals of movie stars. I began to yield to the equatorial emul. The illusion was so perfect that one expected to have to brush away the tarantulas before one sat down. It was wonderful to step in from a six-day contemplation of a world colored gray and redline beneath a papaya (if the label had been correctly affixed).

Mr. Maploony and I enjoyed the grilles and balconied windows and tried to guess which of the twenty-one flags belonged to which republic. I was particularly entranced by the

relief map of our sister continent and should almost certainly have taken a plane for the upper Amazon, had the bank not been closed. But my companion still seemed uneasy; and, once more back in the luxuriant patio, he cleared his throat like the macaw and said: "I've got to write an essay."

"Scribble," I said, concealing my surprise. "Nothing like branching out. Who's making you do it?"

"A literary society, a small one just in our department. I've been voted in and I'm supposed to write an essay. I thought maybe you'd let me talk it over with you. I'm doing mine on Robert Frost."

"Frost?" This amused me a little. "As farmer, or as poet?"

"Neither. I thought I'd take the thing I like best in him; if I can, that is. It would be just my own view of it, of course."

"You're already an accomplished essayist, Maploony," I said. "If you can isolate the thing you like best and give your own version of it. Addison could do no more. What's the thing?"

"His humor," Mr. Maploony said. "Though I'm not sure that it should be called humor precisely. It isn't anything that makes you laugh. For instance, in his poem *The Wood-Pile*, a snowbird is fitting ahead of the poet, careful to put a tree between them when he lights, thinking the poet is after him for a feather. And the bird goes behind a wood-pile to make his last stand. That's the sort of thing I mean, and his poems are as full of it as life is, or maybe a little fuller, while other poets seem mostly unable to see it."

"I agree with you," I said. "Other poets either are definitely funny or whimsical or they cut with ironic humor. Frost's humor is blended with beauty and wisdom and sadness as the blue and orange flames of a log-fire, and as warming to the heart, too. Remember his praise of fireflies and how they achieve at times a very star-like start. Only, of course, they can't sustain the part."

"It's delicious," said Mr. Maploony. "And then, almost best of all is the humor that Frost allows you to create for yourself. For instance, in *Mending Wall*, where he's talking to the unimaginative farmer—

"He is all pine and I am apple orchard. My apple trees will never get across And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him."

"The look on that farmer's face! Can't you see it? But perhaps the thing I mean comes out strongest in the lines further on—

"Something there is that doesn't love a wall. That wants it down. I could say 'Elves' to him, But it's not elves exactly."

"That's it," I said. "And there is no word for it. Humor is too clumsy a word. The exquisiteness of that exactly is beyond communication, really. If a person can't feel that overtone, you can't help him much by giving it a name. In fact, I don't fancy very much the thing you're setting out to do, Maploony. Are you going through Frost and cut out the humorous lines? I don't like it. They lose too much when they're handled. It's too reminiscent of that case of tropical butterflies we were looking at—humor on a pin."

"I won't go in much for pinned butterflies myself," Mr. Maploony said. "But they do remind us of what we might see if we went to Brazil and Venezuela, don't they? They might induce someone to go enjoy the fluttering reality for himself. In that case, they haven't been exhibited in vain."

"It's a point," I admitted without enthusiasm. "And it won't hurt Frost, not as much as the butterflies, anyway."

"It's this way," Mr. Maploony said. "There are about twenty lines in his poem *Maple*. And what do they read mostly? Newspapers, magazines, the novels that get advertised. Being gathered for supposedly literary purposes, they are not expected to flinch or look vague when I mention a poet. But how many read Frost, do you imagine? Read him regularly, I mean."

"Two or three," I said magnanimously. "I doubt it," Mr. Maploony said. "As long as I've been in Washington, nobody has ever mentioned Frost to me. They ask me if I've mentioned Frost or heard Charlie McCarthy or read *Gone With the Wind*, but nobody has remotely suggested that I had better look into *A Further Range*, say. And yet here, working up on his Vermont farm, perhaps writing another masterpiece for all literary time, maybe this very minute, is the greatest poet America has ever had."

"The greatest?" I halted him. "That is a very large word, my friend. You wouldn't be forgetting Emerson and Thoreau and Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman and the best of Longfellow?"

"I'm not going into that," Mr. Maploony said with rare good sense. "I'm not interested in scoreboards, in putting Frost over Emerson, or Thoreau over Frost. All I am saying is that, just now, he seems to be the poet that touches me deepest, and, just now, the most touching. He makes me feel that I am worth while and that the nature and the beauty I love are worth while, too. Eternally worth while, I mean. He makes me feel that there is a great fund of human kindness in people, in spite of the evidence to the contrary. And of course there's his absolute mastery of speaking. Could anything be lovelier than his nature? 'O hushed October morning mild' is a picture and an interpretation in twenty lines, such as other October-lovers could not achieve in twenty years. Then there's *A Hillside Thaw*. Exquisite, unique. But now I'm getting back to his humor again. What I started to say is, Frost hits me so because I love the things he loves and like to have them put before me in finished form forever. I also feel the things he feels, even if he has to show me that I do. And my point is this, there must be a lot of people who don't know Frost, except as a name, who would be hit by him in the same way."

"You're undoubtedly right there," I said.

"Then don't you think I'm right in beginning with his humor?" Mr. Maploony asked. "If I read to the club members some of the deeper poems like *The Loosely Shalt Be Choosers*, or even *The Sound of the Trees* or *Two Look at Two*, I might strike everybody, but everybody likes humor, or says they do, and so I'm going to get them interested by picking out the light poems, even *Brown's Descent of Wind and Window Flower*, and then go on to the places where the humor is more subtle, where it's so tender it makes you smile with your memory. Don't you think that's a good idea?"

"Oh, I wouldn't care about that," Mr. Maploony said.

T. MORRIS LOWMEYER



TOWER BRIDGE FROM LONDON POOL: A Drawing by Lawrence Walker

LONDON, with a modesty which becomes her majesty, conceals many of her greatest glories behind gray walls and smoke-laden air. Passing down narrow, congested Fleet Street, no one could guess he was approaching Wren's magnificent cathedral until a portion of its massive facade appears behind an old iron railway bridge. Neither do many Londoners have any idea that there is the world's greatest poet. A few barges, tugs and police boats may be all they ever see on the Thames; for few of them ever venture down the river below Tower Bridge, to witness an assemblage of ships belonging to every seagoing nation in the world. Some, proceeding by train to the southeastern suburbs, may have been amazed to see a liner's funnels protruding out of a sea of chimneys; but the vast maze of docks and wharves remains unrevealed.

Into the reach of the Thames known as the "Pool" cargo vessels, grimy or spruce, some flying flags of countries on the other side of the world, enter with slow dignity and come to rest almost unnoticed amid London's infinite activity. Some of the never-failing wonder of this sight has been captured in Mr. Walker's sensitive drawing.

The Spanish Guitar

WE WERE taking a siesta when the sound of thrumming roused us from the half sleep which the afternoon gives.

Jan exclaimed: "That music sounds quite near."

He jumped up and looked out of the window. On a narrow ledge of flat rock at the foot of the wall three men were sitting in the shadow of the house. Two had guitars, and all along the wall of the garden a number of goats were lying down or were browsing on the small weeds which sprouted between the rocks.

We slipped on our clothes, and crawling out by the garden door, the opening of which was only about four feet high, we joined the goats in their patch of shadow.

"Buenos días," said Jan. "I, too, love the guitar."

"Si, Señor," answered one of the herds, "the guitar is what we have heard you playing."

Thrum, thrum, thrum, went the guitars, while across the deeper chords the little guitar-ron, with its strange tuning, threaded a shrill pattern of monotonous arpeggios. The music of Spain has something fundamental about it. It has a hint of the heart-beat of the universe. The rich, pulsating rhythm of it seems to set the air flowing in waves like those in a disturbed pool. It seems to speak of something ideally simple, to create an harmonious forgetfulness. A girl sitting amongst us threw back her head and sang.

What a wonderful instrument the guitar is! The simplest of all instruments for the learner, a few days' practice makes him so that he can play as do the generalists of the herdmen. . . . But if one wishes to go further, the range and variety of the guitar is inexhaustible. It has as many moods as nature and is as difficult to conquer. Sarasate, they say, gave up the guitar because it was so difficult. But the guitar in the hands of the master is the finest of all instruments. Of single portable instruments it alone is complete; it alone is fully satisfying. We English do not know the guitar. Outside of Spain it has never been played. . . . There is no native music in Europe which has the range, the variety, and the depth of feeling possessed by that of Spain. From "Two Vagabonds in Spain," by JAW and CORA GORDON. (New York: McBride).

That Fabulous City in Maine

CASCO is a Spanish name, as is Campo Bello, and Baco, while the Bay of Fundy is merely a corruption or adaptation of the Spanish "Bahia Profundo." To many it may seem a puzzle as to why points along the coast of Maine should bear Spanish names. In 1525, Esteban Gomez, the Spanish voyager, explored the Maine coast, as did Simon Fernandez the Portuguese. They were seeking gold and precious gems, and finding promise of neither in Maine, they sailed away never to return, leaving only the names they had bestowed as reminders of their visits.

It was gold, or rather the marvelous tale of a still more marvelous golden city, that lured the British to the coast of Maine. No one can positively say who invented the

tale, but it was set down in "Ramulo's Voyage," published in 1595. According to the story, there was a great city called Norumbega situated at or near the mouth of a great river in Maine; a city inhabited by highly civilized people who were so fabulously rich they measured pearls by the quart and gems by the bushel; a city whose buildings, with towers and turreted walls, were covered with plates of gold and studded with precious stones. While Captain John Smith and Samuel de Champlain effectively put an end to the myth by thoroughly exploring the coast and rivers of Maine in 1599, their reports of rich "towers and palaces" led many a voyager to Maine. From "Along New England Shores," by A. HYATT VANCE. (New York: Putnam).

"Pleasant places"

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

WHO does not wish to find the "green pastures . . . the still waters" (Psalms 23:2), about which the Psalmist wrote so many centuries ago? "The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance," he declared (Psalms 133:3), adding, "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yes, I have a goodly heritage."

To inherit is to come into possession of that which belongs to one by gift and by law. Happiness and harmony, health, success, and progress are spiritual; and belong to us as God's gifts, through divine law. If we do not consciously possess them, it is because we are allowing some form of evil to deprive us of our God-bestowed heritage.

Is there, in reality, anything that is able to rob us of the divine good which God has given to us? Error claims to do so, but in the light of Christian Science this ancient illusion, this false belief, is uncovered and denied any place or power. Christian Science explains that in harmony of every sort arises from false or material thinking. It logically explains that sin, disease, poverty, accident, fear, sorrow are false human beliefs, and not any part of man's true individuality.

When we discover that evil thinking is the only foundation for painful human experiences, we are better able to take the steps toward spiritual thinking. The life which reflects Life, God, is forever good, pleasant, harmonious, and this is the only true life. Man made in the image and likeness of God possesses all the "pleasant places" given to him by his Father-Mother God. This is the truth about the real man. Each one of us, wherever he finds himself can begin the demonstration of this truth today.

If worry, lack, sorrow, seem to darken our path, there is a way out by knowing God, Truth, through spiritual thinking, which reverses the false arguments of the physical senses. "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7), is a well-known Biblical proverb. It is still a gauge by which we may test our

own secret thoughts. Things, conditions, environments are thoughts made manifest. This shows us that the means of release lies in our claiming our divine heritage of spiritual, healthy, harmonious thoughts and ideas, which come from God. We have the God-given power to stand guard at the portal of our own consciousness, to refuse evil beliefs, and to choose the truth.

"Truth is the real; error is the unreal," writes Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science (Christian Science, p. 10). She continues, "You will gather the importance of this saying, when sorrow seems to come, if you will look on the bright side; for sorrow endureth but for the night, and joy cometh with the light." In the light of Truth, which reveals man's indissoluble oneness with the tender, loving Father-Mother God, the dark dream of separation from God, from Life, from health, abundance, security, is dispelled. The understanding of our true spiritual inheritance, of our at-onement with divine Love, which meets our every human need by giving us divine ideas, lifts us above doubt, dependency, gloom.

Our fundamental need is to acknowledge the perfection of divine Mind, God. From this basis we learn to think spiritually in place of materiality, to know health in place of disease, to know love and forgiveness in place of hate and revenge, to know abundance in place of lack; in brief, to think truly instead of erroneously. We carry with us the mental seeds of our thought garden, and according to the seeds sown is the harvest. It lies within the province of each and every one to select the seed for his own mental property, his own thought garden. In the harvest we reap the fruit of the seed we have sown. This is the divine law of multiplication, a law which cannot be annulled.

It does not always seem easy to stand still in the face of seeming danger, to declare and to realize the presence of God as the only power. Neither did examinations seem easy in school days. Yet through these tests the quality of our knowledge was revealed. Poor work, like poor thinking, deserves and receives no reward. Through tests we grow stronger in the understanding of God's love and care. We discover that we are indeed dwellers in "pleasant places," and that Love leads us to rest in "green pastures . . . beside the still waters." By resting calmly in the understanding of the presence and power of divine Love, we receive the ideas with which to meet each human need. Consciousness of the omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence of God, gives us the tender assurance of His infinite protection.

Our work—a pleasant, not a toilsome task—is to awake from the sensual dream of life in matter, awake to our heritage of spiritual blessedness. Mrs. Eddy writes (ibid., p. 10), "If you wish to be happy, argue with yourself on the side of happiness; take the side you wish to carry, and be careful not to talk on both sides, or to argue stronger for sorrow than for joy." She concludes this passage with the reminder, "You are the attorney for the case, and will win or lose according to your plea."

(In another column will be found a translation of this article into Spanish.)

"LUGARES DELEITOSOS"

Traducción del artículo sobre la Ciencia Cristiana publicado en inglés en esta página

QUIEN no desearía encontrar las "praderas verdes . . . las aguas de reposo" (Salmos, 23:2) de las cuales cantó el Salmista tantos siglos ha? "Jehová es la porción de mi herencia!" declaró (Salmos, 133:3), añadiendo: "El cordel cayó para mí en lugares deleitosos, y hermosa es la herencia que me ha tocado."

Heredar significa llegar a la posesión de lo que le pertenece a uno por medio de donación y por la ley. La felicidad y la armonía, la salud, el éxito y el progreso son espirituales y nos pertenecen como donaciones de Dios por medio de la ley divina. Si no estamos conscientemente en posesión de esas cosas, debe ser por que permitimos que alguna forma de mal nos prive de una herencia que nos corresponde por disposición divina.

¿Qué puede haber en realidad que sea capaz de privarnos del bien divino que Dios nos ha dado? El error pretende que puede hacerlo, pero bajo la luz de la Ciencia Cristiana esta antigua ilusión se revela como una creencia errónea y se le niega lugar y poder. La Ciencia Cristiana explica que toda falta de armonía proviene de una manera de pensar errónea y material. Explica lógicamente que el pecado, la enfermedad, la pobreza, los accidentes, el miedo y el dolor son falsas creencias humanas, que no forman parte de la individualidad verdadera del hombre.

Cuando descubrimos que los pensamientos malos representan la única base para las experiencias dolorosas, estamos mejor equipados para tomar los pasos necesarios hacia una manera de pensar espiritualizada. La vida que refleja la vida divina, Dios, es siempre buena, agradable, armoniosa, y ésta es la única vida verdadera. El hombre, hecho a la imagen y semejanza de Dios, posee todos los "lugares deleitosos" que su Padre-Madre Dios le ha dado. Esta es la verdad acerca del hombre verdadero. Cada uno de nosotros, en dondequiera que se encuentre, puede empezar la demostración de esta verdad, hoy en día.

Si el temor, la pobreza y el dolor parecen

entenebrecer nuestro camino, hay una salida por medio del conocimiento de Dios, la Verdad, por medio del pensamiento espiritual que invierte los argumentos erróneos de los sentidos corporales. "Según piensa en su alma, así es" (Proverbios, 23:7), es un proverbio bíblico bien conocido, y es todavía una norma por la cual podemos medir nuestros propios pensamientos secretos. Las cosas, las condiciones y el ambiente son manifestaciones de pensamientos. Esto demuestra que nuestra redención consiste en que reclamemos nuestra herencia divina de pensamientos e ideas espirituales, saludables y armoniosos, que provienen de Dios. Tenemos el poder otorgado por Dios de guardar la entrada de nuestra propia conciencia, negando los pensamientos malos y eligiendo la verdad.

"La Verdad es real, el error es ficticio," escribe Mary Baker Eddy, la Descubridora y Fundadora de la Ciencia Cristiana, en la página 10 de su obra CHRISTIAN HEALING (LA CURACIÓN CRISTIANA). Luego añade: "Comprenderéis la importancia de esas palabras, cuando el dolor parece venir, si entonces miráis hacia el lado luminoso de las cosas; porque el dolor no dura más que por la noche, y la alegría viene con la luz." A la luz de la Verdad, que revela la filiación indisoluble del hombre con el tierno y amante Padre-Madre Dios, el sueño tenebroso de que somos separados de Dios, de la Vida, de la salud, de la abundancia y de la seguridad, se desvanece. El entendimiento de nuestra verdadera herencia espiritual, de nuestra unión con el Amor divino, que satisface todas nuestras necesidades humanas, dándonos ideas divinas, nos levanta por encima de la duda, la depresión y la melancolía.

Nuestra necesidad fundamental es que reconozcamos la perfección de la Mente divina, Dios. Partiendo de esta base, aprendemos a pensar de una manera espiritual más bien que de una manera material, a conocer la salud en lugar de la enfermedad, a conocer el amor y el perdón en lugar del resentimiento y de la venganza, a conocer la abundancia en lugar de la escasez, en fin, a pensar de una manera correcta en vez de pensar de una manera errónea. Llevamos con nosotros la simiente de los pensamientos para nuestro jardín mental; y la cosecha será de acuerdo con la simiente que se haya sembrado. Pertenecemos a cada uno de nosotros escoger las semillas que quiera sembrar en su propiedad mental, en su propio jardín de pensamientos. En la cosecha recogeremos el fruto de las semillas que hayamos sembrado. Esta es la ley divina de la multiplicación, una ley que no se puede anular.

No parece siempre fácil permanecer quietos declarando y realizando la presencia de Dios como el único poder cuando nos afrontan los peligros. Los exámenes que solemos pasar en la escuela no parecían fáciles tampoco. Y sin embargo, estos exámenes eran necesarios para revelar la cualidad de nuestros conocimientos. El trabajo y los pensamientos de poco valor no merecen ni reciben recompensa. Por medio de las pruebas se fortalece nuestro entendimiento del amor de Dios y del cuidado que El tiene de nosotros. Descubrimos que en verdad moramos en "lugares deleitosos", y que el Amor divino nos lleva a descansar en "praderas verdes . . . junto a aguas de reposo". Descansando tranquilamente en el entendimiento de la presencia y del poder del Amor divino, recibimos las ideas con las cuales podemos satisfacer toda necesidad humana que sea lícita. La conciencia de la omnipotencia, omnisciencia y omnipresencia de Dios, nos da la seguridad de Su protección infinita.

Nuestra labor—un deber deleitoso y no penoso—consiste en despertar del sueño sensorio de la vida en la materia, despertar a nuestra herencia de bendiciones espirituales. Mary Baker Eddy escribe (ibidem, pág. 10): "Si desearéis ser felices, argumentad consigo mismos, inclinándose al lado de la felicidad; tome la parte del lado que queráis que 'salga' pensando y ten cuidado de no hablar por las dos partes, ni argumentar más poderosamente en pro del dolor que de la alegría." Concluye este pasaje con la amonestación: "Tu eres el abogado del caso, y lo ganarás o perderás según la calidad de tus argumentos."

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The Literary Reception: A Quaint New York Custom

Here authors meet reviewers while publishers stand by and hope for the best—Themes range from American food through snakes in the desert to bombs in Barcelona.

Author! Author!

New York

It is not raining rain these days in Manhattan. Nor is it raining daffodils. The bright-colored bits that flutter in the slush and sleet are the spring catalogues of the publishers, not so bulky as the fall lists, but bulging nevertheless with the hopes and ambitions of many authors.

The writers themselves may be observed on nearly every corner, those from the country and those from Europe come to join the New Yorkers at a succession of receptions in their honor where the publishers wistfully introduce authors to reviewers and hope for the best.

The average day of the reviewer runs something like this. Breakfast with Mme. Haruko Ichikawa (ask her whether she is going to be kinder to American food than she was to English in "Japanese Lady in Europe" (Dutton); 3 o'clock, call on Nils and Dorothy Childs Hogner (find out why they bothered to catch that snake in the desert and then let it go); 5 o'clock, drop in at Charles Studin's party for Louis Fischer of The Nation (are the Spanish making their own ammunition now?).

Likes American Food

Mme. Ichikawa does like American food. "Delicious" is her word for it. But she is appalled at the large size of the portions. On this trip through the United States to gather material for her next book



Mme. Haruko Ichikawa
Whose Opinion of New York City Is Expressed in Her Best American Slang

she has tried with traditional Japanese politeness to eat to show her

appreciation. But the task has been too great. So she has found refuge in her collection of American slang. "I am very tiny," she says. "I am a shrimp. And a shrimp has not a large stomach. I cannot eat so much."

She calls New York city "swell elegant." And she should know, for she has jammed her days with sight-seeing. She likes the Automat, finds the rush hour in the subway "a difficult sport," has her shoes shined every morning by a Negro on the street, thinks the pickets and sandwich men are the "most amusing" sights she has seen, and in seven days has paid four visits to the Museum of Natural History, which is probably three more than most New Yorkers have done in all their days.

Nothing in America frightens Mme. Ichikawa except the telephone. She has "a great fear" of the bell because she is uncertain of her English.

Snake in the Desert

Dorothy Hogner, doing the writing, and Nils Hogner, the illustration, have added "Westward High Low and Dry" (Dutton) to their travel books and juveniles. They caught that snake in the American desert because they are interested in reptiles. Nils wanted Dorothy to feel its muscles constrict on her arm and then he just unwound it and let it go. Dorothy liked it, but they didn't inquire into the feelings of the snake.

Nils is firmly of opinion that Year is the greatest danger from rattlesnake bites (this one was not a rattler).

Since their wanderings in the desert and the dust bowl, the Hogners have been through Canada to Labrador and are busy with a volume on that as well as another juvenile, this one with a New England background. Nils does none of the writing, but all of the drawing, which results in his confession of having read "Westward" four times. The Hogners want more than any-

thing else to visit the Arica desert in South America and have a look at its reptiles, feeling certain that they will find some hitherto unknown specimens.

Meet Mr. Fischer

Charles Studin is an inveterate party-giver and there are few weeks in the year when literary New York is not trooping up the steep steps of the house in East Tenth Street to meet the author of the moment.

The reception for Louis Fischer brought out people interested in loyalist Spain. Mr. Fischer thinks that he is too close to events to write a book just now, but he undoubtedly will do one later. Meanwhile he has been taking a few weeks out and then will return to Barcelona where the loyalists are making ammunition in the subways. As a matter of fact, said Mr. Fischer, the ammunition making of the government forces may be traced by the air bombs of the rebels. One follows the other, so to speak.

In the collection of letters written by foreigners in Spain, "From Spanish Trenches" (Modern Age Books), David Cook, an Englishman, tells of meeting Mr. Fischer on a train going to Valencia.

The letters from war-torn earth chronicle the same story that Mr. Fischer related in the lamp-lit drawing room, an account of bravery and determination and of people, women as well as men, raising their fists among falling bombs to swear that they will fight the harder.

The American Horse

And now a book on the American horse by Phil Stong for Stokes. According to the publishers, the book will be "definitive and comprehensive," and Mr. Stong says it will be "anecdotal, dramatic, authentic and documented." There will be illustrations of old prints and modern plates of famous horses and horse scenes.

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Boston Literati of 1868 Depicted at Dickens Fete

Dolby and Osgood, wrote Charles Dickens to his daughter in 1868, "do the most ridiculous things to keep me in spirits." One of these "ridiculous things" was a walking match they staged just 70 years ago, and after the match Mr. Dickens gave a banquet at the Parker House, last evening the Boston Branch of the Dickens Fellowship celebrated the anniversary of the famous author, which falls on Feb. 7, by reproducing that "Walking Match" dinner in the present Parker House, built on the site of its predecessor, where the Dickens lodged on his second visit to the United States.

Frank W. C. Hersey, long associated with the Fellowship, and known as a local authority on Dickens, impersonated the great host himself. The part of George Dolby, manager of Dickens' reading tour, was taken by Harrison Crofford. George E. Dwight represented the other walker, James R. Osgood of the firm of Ticknor & Fields, Dickens' American publisher. Edward F. Payne, president of the Boston Branch, was the picturesque poet Longfellow, accompanied by Miss Alice Longfellow in the person of Mrs. William Bidlack.

And Dr. Holmes
Mr. and Mrs. James T. Fields were represented by Livingston Hunt Jr., and Mrs. Harry Bagley. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Malcolm Ticknor by William Beers and Miss Florence Claffin, while the Rev. Warren Prince Landers, a former president of the Branch, impersonated Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes.
Mrs. Lucy Wadsworth of Louisville Square, who heard Dickens give a reading from his works in Tremont Temple during that visit of 1867-68, was a special guest.

Many of the members appeared in costumes of the '60s. The table decorations of roses and bell-mouthed lilies imitated those ordered by Dickens, actually in honor of Mrs. Fields, according to Mr. Payne's book, "Dickens' Days in Boston," which quotes from "Bos" letter to his daughter:
"As she had done so much for me in the way of flowers, I thought I would show her a sight in that line at dinner. You never saw anything like it. Two immense crowns, the base of the choicest exotics, the loops oval masses of violets. In the center of the table an immense basket overflowing with enormous bell-mouthed lilies; all around the table a bright green border of wreathed cresser, with clustering roses at intervals; a rose for every button-hole and a bouquet for every lady."

Formed in 1919
The Boston Branch, formed about 1919 largely through the activities of Mrs. S. M. Bowles of the Boston Transcript, is a part of the Dickens Fellowship founded in London in 1902 by Sir Hall Caine, an organization numbering many thousands of members in all parts of the world.
A love for Dickens; a capacity to relish the humor of Sam Weller and Alfred Jingle, to grow warm-hearted over the little Cratchits, to thrill at the meeting of David and Dora; and to enjoy the Pickwickian "Speculations on the Source of the Hampstead Ponds, with Some Observations on the Theory of Tittlebats"; and a desire to see preserved all that connects itself with Dickens and his works; appear to be the qualifications for membership.
The monthly meetings of the local Branch are evidence that there are still enthusiastic readers of "Bos."

Dickens and Longfellow Meet in Boston



Impersonations at 1938 "Walking Match" Dinner
Frank W. C. Hersey As Dickens Mrs. William Bidlack As Alice Longfellow Edward F. Payne As Longfellow

Vote in Wellesley Hints A School Board Shake-Up

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attention too near the end of the school season to do anything about them. Several elements entered which raised the issue to more than a mere political fight. The Committee was charged with efforts to remove Dr. Graves, no matter how much of a task was involved.
Friends of Dr. Graves were inclined to accept the nomination of Mrs. Hopkins and the defeat of both the incumbents, Mrs. Adams and Mr. Brennan, as a partial vindication from the voters of the former Superintendent's stand.
The highly contested race for Selectmen resulted in the nomination of Harold C. Wiswall over J. Austin Peckham, present Chairman of the Board. Mr. Wiswall, a real estate broker, received 656 votes to Mr. Peckham's 539.
William H. Gleason, who is at

present filling an unexpired term on the Board of Assessors, defeated C. William Amidon for that office. The only other contest appeared in the Planning Board nominations, all five members being renominated for office.

The town caucus, held regularly as a pre-primary to the regular elections in March, incorporates in part the oldest system of New England's town meeting form of government, originally intended to give voters an opportunity of meeting and talking with prospective candidates to public office. The purpose today is to select names to appear on the ballot.

A defeated candidate in the pre-primary can circulate nomination papers through the town and by obtaining a designated number of signatures, can appear as a candidate in the regular town elections.

Connecticut College Library

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 8.—Marking the start of construction under Connecticut's \$14,000,000 institutional building program and the first addition in a decade to the buildings of the Connecticut State College at Storrs, ground has been broken on the College campus for a \$400,000 library.
Plans for the building were drawn in the newly-organized State Department of Public Works and the contract for construction awarded on a competitive basis to Genovese and Rich, Stamford, Conn., contracting firm. The library, sought by College authorities for many years, will be open for use by fall.

As the first design to come from the drawing boards of State-employed architects in the new Department of Public Works, library plans have been subjected to the critical eyes of private architects, unsympathetic toward the whole idea of a centralized building program for the State Government. No one has suggested publicly, however, that the projected building will be anything but a harmonious addition.
The library will stand on the crest of knoll in the center of the campus and, when completed, will be the dominating central structure of the College. Albert N. Jorgensen, President of Connecticut State College, and Robert A. Hurley, Commissioner of Public Works, have mapped a far-sighted program for development of the campus, with the library as its focal point. One other building, an engineering laboratory and classroom building, may be constructed as part of the program under way. The College will have to wait for dormitories and other buildings that are included in the plan, but their locations and general design are being determined in advance.

Georgian in its general lines, the library has distinct elements of Colonial New England architecture. Rising three stories above a basement, the library is divided into a central portion, housing the book stacks, and two wings, devoted to reading rooms. Stacks will rise from the basement through the entire building to the roof and will have space for 150,000 volumes. Each of the reading rooms is two stories high, with domed ceilings 27 feet above the floor. Central foyer, where the distribution desk will be located, will be paneled in oak.
Upper stories at the front of the central portion provide space for seminar rooms, a "browsing" room, closed cubicles for research and a room for exhibits.
In the cupola is machinery for air conditioning.

The Week in New Hampshire

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ditions in both the Connecticut and Merrimack River Valleys. All agencies and interests that can furnish information as to the probable rise of the rivers will be called into play during the seasons in which floods are most possible.
Authorities feel that when the flow starts to increase into these streams, much danger could be averted if the dam owners along the stream knew of the situation and reduced the quantity of water they are holding back. With these facts in mind the New Hampshire Water Resources Board will inaugurate its free co-operative flood advisory service.

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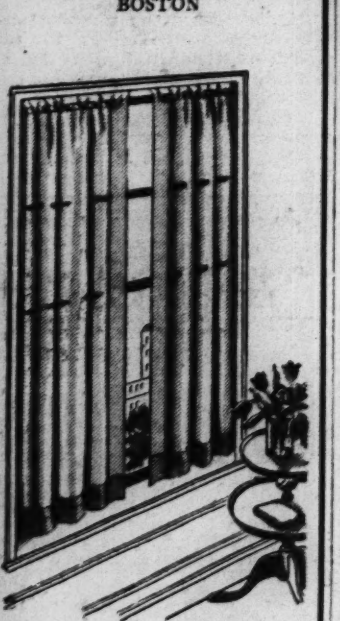
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By a Staff Artist

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his letter of Aug. 20, 1937, to Mr. Webber, attacking the state body. In that instance REA made a fruitless effort to lend \$255,000 to 700 farmers of Franklin, Hampshire and Berkshire Counties to set up their own co-operative power line, after fruitless efforts to get extensions from private utilities. Mr. Carmody declared the State's disapproval of the so-called Tri-County Electric Company Farmers' Project was unusual because its terms "are so sweeping and its concepts differ so sharply from those we encountered in almost all of the other states."

Offer Withdrawn
REA ultimately withdrew its proffered loan, and has virtually served notice on Massachusetts that it cannot do business in the State until the department's attitude changes, although 40 per cent of Massachusetts farmers "are denied service."

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Rathvon to Deliver Lincoln Day Address

"A Boy's Impressions of Abraham Lincoln," will be recounted by William R. Rathvon, a member of The Christian Science Board of Directors, over Station WIXAL, Boston, on Saturday, Feb. 12, at 4 p. m., eastern standard time. Mr. Rathvon heard President Lincoln speak at Gettysburg when he and another small boy hid behind an American flag draped around the speakers' platform.

WIXAL will relay this Lincoln Day feature on a frequency of 11.70 megacycles, which is a wavelength of 25.65 meters.

Also included in this special hour Lincoln Day program will be an address by Prof. John C. Seammel of Boston University and appropriate music of the Civil War period.

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Birth Control In Legal Test In State Court

Legality of birth control clinics, supplying free advice and contraceptives to married women, under medical direction, six of which clinics were closed recently by police in Boston, Salem, Brookline and other Massachusetts cities, has been taken under advisement by the State Supreme Court.

In a test case appealed from the District and Superior Courts by four women associated with the North Shore Mothers' Health Office at Salem, the Court heard arguments on the clinics' legality Monday and Tuesday. Awaiting the outcome of the case would be similar appeals from several other cities.

Challenging the constitutionality of the law, Robert G. Dodge, Counsel for the Massachusetts Birth Control League, declared that a law which denies to married women the means of preventing conception under proper medical direction, is a denial of constitutional guarantees to life and liberty.

Advice Free to Poor
He said married women had a right to be informed when further motherhood would be injurious to health and that physicians had a right to supply them with the means of preventing such motherhood. He pointed out that no physician ever had been arrested in Massachusetts for giving such advice to wealthy women, and asserted it should be just as proper to give advice free to the poor.

John J. Ryan, Jr., Assistant District Attorney of Essex County, replied that, strictly speaking, there are no exceptions in the law that would permit the giving of birth control advice to any one, whether free or for a fee. He said that such exceptions could be enacted into the statutes by the Legislature, as was done in New York State, if the people desired it.

He said the only question involved was one of law, and not whether the Birth Control League is a good thing or not.

Following the hearing, Mrs. Leslie Hawkrige, President of the League, said there was a "strong possibility" the case would be taken to the United States Supreme Court, if the State tribunal ruled against the clinics.

WPA Writers Travel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—Henry G. Alsberg, Director of the WPA Writers' Project, estimated today that project writers have traveled 1,000,000 miles gathering material for a series of American guide books.

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Paris Sends An Instructor To Radcliffe

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eity, Theodore Chanler, Jean Francaix, Marcelle de Manziarly, Igor Markevitch and Leo Preger.
Correcting newspaper reports of last autumn, she stated that she never taught the late George Gershwin, adding, "We talked once for about 10 minutes. He came, and he developed what he was, but he never brought me one page of music."
Mademoiselle Boulanger is a native of Paris and a member of a family of musicians. Since 1904, she has dedicated herself to teaching, for which she abandoned composition.
Nadia Boulanger was at one time lecturer in harmony for Henri Deller at the Paris Conservatory. Since the establishment of the American Conservatory at Fontainebleau, she has had charge of a class in harmony, and in addition, classes in counterpoint, piano accompaniment, and history of music. Since 1935, she has taught a class in composition as the successor of Paul Dukas, and in that she has interested the composer, Igor Stravinsky.

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Tiny Thompson Features Game Won by Bruins

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Rangers	8	5	1	48	38	17	1	1	2
Chicago	7	6	1	45	40	15	1	1	2
Detroit	5	8	1	35	45	11	1	1	2

Results Feb. 8:
Americans 3, Montreal 1.
Boston 3, Chicago 1.

By Web Morse
Staff Writer of the Christian Science Monitor

It took Cecil "Tiny" Thompson to create a "house divided within itself" atmosphere at the Boston Garden last night. His Boston Bruins team defeated Bill Stewart's Chicago Black Hawks, 3 to 1, but it was largely due to Tiny's unusual agility in the role of goaltender.

The Hawks are managed by Bill Stewart, baseball umpire, former hockey referee, and product of Boston sandlots. And on the Hawk roster list is Tiny Thompson, younger brother of the famous Tiny, and a "nifty" forward in his own right. Now Paul wanted to score for Chicago and there were more than a few Bostonians in the house who wished Bill Stewart well.

On the other hand there were the Bruin fans who did not care who managed the Hawks or who played for them, so long as their Bruins won. In all, Thompson was somewhat in the "middle" and while he might like to have obliged all, he decided to abandon trying and went ahead taking care of his own team. This he did in an amazing fashion, kicking out shots with discouraging regularity to the Hawks.

Both teams were weakened by the rigors of recent scheduling and both were weakened in playing strength. While the Bruins won the game, the Hawks commanded wholesome respect. They faced the locals with three of their regulars out of action—Louis Trudel, Art Wiebe, and Mush March. Jack Shill, one of the replacements, was not in shape to play his regular game; Ivan Nicholson, another replacement, is inexperienced in major league hockey; thereby leaving only Bert Connolly a replacement of value.

Stewart was forced to play left-handers on right wing and only one player on right wing was a right-hand shot, Roger Jenkins. Jenkins, incidentally, is a converted defenseman, and played through the game despite a sudden loss in the family. All told, the Hawks were hardly prepared to offer much in the way of opposition.

Before the game the Milton boy promised Boston newspaper men that his Hawks would make a game of it, and they did. The Bruins were far from being themselves, playing good hockey in spots only. Their combination play was spotty and the attack on the defense was inconsistent. The Kitchen line of Woody Dumart, Milt Schmidt and

Eric McNair Holdout Story Revives Trade Rumors in Hub

By Edwin Russell
Staff Writer of the Christian Science Monitor

Boston's baseball faithful were today interested in the news out of Fenway Park that Eric McNair is a holdout. The quiet infielder from Mississippi, according to General Manager Eddie Collins, is several thousand dollars apart from the Red Sox, Eric was given an increase last year and is currently being offered another, but apparently not one of adequate proportions.

With nothing even closely resembling a compromise in sight, Collins admits that a trade for McNair is being considered. Weeks ago when the club tried to entice McHarder away from Cleveland, the Indians insisted the trade include the little infielder. But the Sox would not listen.

However, although McNair is definitely on the market as the spring training campaign approaches, it is still a fact that the Red Sox cannot afford to part with one first-class infielder without securing another in return.

A veil of mystery envelops the McNair incident. The mild-mannered southerner has never been hard to get along with. More news on this subject may develop within a few days.

Manager Joe Cronin, Jimmy Foss, Frank Higgins, Bobby Doerr, McNair and Jimmy Tabor, third base specialist from Little Rock, are the infielders on the Red Sox roster. Tabor has not faced big league pitching. Doerr may not be ready for

Bobby Bauer scored two of the Boston goals and Jackson banged in a second when McNair was in the net. The Hawks have lost four straight now and one tie. They still have a game in hand on the Red Wings.

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Jimmy Herbert Out to Retire Hollis Trophy



Eric McNair

The Hollis 600-yards run at the 49th Annual B. A. A. Games in the Boston Garden next Saturday night now presents an entirely different picture. New York University has two great relay teams—one and two mile—and coach Emil von Elling had every intention of trying to cop both races, using his great middle distance star Jimmy Herbert as anchor on both teams.

Yesterday, however, the coach of the Violet team decided to send the great colored star back for his second win of the Hollis trophy and will only use Herbert as anchor on his one-mile relay team. The addition of last year's winner of this special race makes the field a perfect one for Saturday night's contest. In the Unicorn meet of 1937 Herbert turned in a 1m:13.4s. performance for the 600, thus establishing a Boston record for the distance. Jimmy is simply flying this year and a win for him on Saturday night will give him permanent possession of the beautiful trophy donated by James B. Hollis.

The field in the "600" now stands at six with Herbert, Charlie Beetham, Douglas Raymond, Howard Bork, George Quinn and George Arnold. Beetham has asked to run both the Hollis 600 and the Lapham 1000, but after his fine showing in the half mile at the Millrose Games last Saturday night, the former Ohio State star may decide to tackle only the 1000 yards.

Another bit of news received by Tom Kanaly yesterday was word from Forrest "Spec" Towns of Georgia, Olympic champion of 1936 and co-holder of the new world's record made in the 60-yards hurdles last Saturday night at the Millrose Games, that he would be a starter in the 45-yard hurdles here.

Pitted against the Olympic titleholder will be Allan Tolmich of Wayne University, who also topped the hurdles in world's record time at the Millrose meet, not to mention the other star hurdlers who will battle for honors. With the boys hurdling as they are another world's record may be made on the track in the 45-yard hurdles. Last year at the B. A. A. Meet Sam Allen established the present record of 5.7s. and Sam also will be back for another fling at it.

Don Hutson picked the best passers he has ever seen. Special to The Christian Science Monitor. UNIVERSITY, Ala., Feb. 9.—Don Hutson, pass-catching end of the Green Bay Packers professional football team, rates Dixie Howell, Arnold Herbert, and Sam Baugh as the best passers he has ever seen.

Hutson, an all-America end for Alabama in 1935, and a star of the Rose Bowl win of that year over Stanford, is at Alabama this semester finishing up work for his sheepskin.

Don has been with the Green Bay eleven for the past three seasons, and has been one of the greatest pass-receivers in professional football during that time, so should know whereof he speaks. In 1936 he led his league in pass snatching with 34. Last season he boosted his mark to 42.

Hutson played with Howell three years, and rates him as a first stringer in the passing game. Last year was a big improvement over his other seasons, according to Hutson.

According to Hutson, Herbert, a former star at Little St. Regis College of Denver, rates well among the best. Herbert throws a pass that is easy to catch, and hits his mark consistently.

Don played twice against the Washington Redskins, for whom Baugh passes, and reports that the former T. C. U. player is every bit as good as he is said to be.

The former Tide end states that Baugh's passing is a combination of relaxation, deception and speed, in the order named, are the prime prerequisites for a good pass receiver.

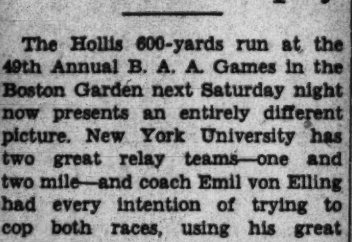
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Record	287	3	27	28,778
Monitor No. 10	287	3	27	28,666
Record	287	3	27	28,778

Averill Signs Contract
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 9 (AP).—Earl Averill, veteran outfielder for the Cleveland Indians and in other years a persistent holdout, has signed his 1938 contract. Vice-President C. S. Blaupied of the Indians announced yesterday in a letter to Frank Kohlbecker, club secretary. Terms of the contract were not given, but it was believed Averill accepted a cut. His salary last year was reported to be \$15,000. Averill is the fourth Cleveland regular to accept terms. McHarder, Bob Feller and John Knerer preceding him.

Eleven Browns Have Signed
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 9 (AP).—Eleven members of the St. Louis Browns have signed their 1938 contracts. General Manager Bill De Witt said today. They are Buster Mills, Jim Weaver, Bob Munchie, Buck Newson, Emil Bidwell, George Hennessey, Julio Bonatti, Bill Traver, Harry Kimberlin, Sam Harsheny and William Miller, rookie hurler from San Antonio.

New York Flyer in B. A. A. Meet



Eric McNair

The field in the "600" now stands at six with Herbert, Charlie Beetham, Douglas Raymond, Howard Bork, George Quinn and George Arnold. Beetham has asked to run both the Hollis 600 and the Lapham 1000, but after his fine showing in the half mile at the Millrose Games last Saturday night, the former Ohio State star may decide to tackle only the 1000 yards.

Another bit of news received by Tom Kanaly yesterday was word from Forrest "Spec" Towns of Georgia, Olympic champion of 1936 and co-holder of the new world's record made in the 60-yards hurdles last Saturday night at the Millrose Games, that he would be a starter in the 45-yard hurdles here.

Pitted against the Olympic titleholder will be Allan Tolmich of Wayne University, who also topped the hurdles in world's record time at the Millrose meet, not to mention the other star hurdlers who will battle for honors. With the boys hurdling as they are another world's record may be made on the track in the 45-yard hurdles. Last year at the B. A. A. Meet Sam Allen established the present record of 5.7s. and Sam also will be back for another fling at it.

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DETROIT—The automobile and allied industries, producers of the United States' greatest exports during the first nine months of 1937, are looking to foreign fields for possible amelioration of the hardships the current recession has brought.

Figures compiled by the United States Chamber of Commerce for the first three quarters of last year showed automobiles and allied products topping the list of exports from the United States. Formerly the top spot had been occupied by cotton.

Exports Up Sharply
Automobiles and kindred products constituted 10.8 per cent of the country's exports over the period covered in the survey, amounting to a value of \$231,927,000. This figure represented a gain of 44.3 per cent over the similar period of 1936.

Michigan, chief source of these products, saw steady gains in exports during the year, allowing for seasonal variations.

The following figures show how great was the increase in Michigan exports over the previous year:

Month	1937	1936
Jan.	\$12,150,449	\$11,280,253
Feb.	12,750,776	10,254,948
Mar.	14,151,970	11,999,080
Apr.	15,115,185	12,751,334
May	20,745,814	13,844,282
June	22,229,214	14,479,076
July	24,183,380	15,028,728
Aug.	14,619,948	8,427,174
Sept.	14,586,224	8,253,558
Oct.	18,345,096	11,654,148

The figures represent the entire Michigan customs district, of which Detroit, fourth ranking point of export in the nation, is the chief shipping point. They include, in addition to the automobile products, electrical appliances, air conditioning equipment, refrigerators, pharmaceuticals, airplanes, paint and glass, and iron and steel products. The chief item, of course, is the automobile.

Drop in November
In November, when the recession is generally recognized to have begun, exports from the Michigan district dropped back to \$18,311,290.

But, said a staff member in the Detroit Board of Commerce, "the export trade seems, on the surface of it, to have held up better during subsequent months than domestic trade."

A good measure of the automobile industry's products go into Canada, across the Detroit river from Detroit. William S. Knudsen, president of General Motors Corp., in announcing sharp reductions in the corporation's pay roll late in December, said the curtailment in employment would not apply to G. M.'s Canadian plants, because "the market has held up over there."

Look to Foreign Markets
But Canada is not the sole consumer of Michigan's principal product, and the automobile manufacturers continue to hope for better times through their foreign markets.

An important fact, they point out, is that while there are between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000 automobiles in the United States, there are only 11,000,000 in the rest of the world. Added to this is the fact that many foreign countries are engaging in large scale road-building programs, an encouraging factor.

Another factor, not frequently mentioned but generally recognized as important to the automobile industry, is worldwide rearmament.

World-wide rearmament is also fostering the export of trucks and buses. The survey of the United States Chamber of Commerce of the first nine months of last year shows that while the export of passenger automobiles showed a large increase, the gain was eclipsed by the gain in shipment of the heavier vehicles.

"Exports of passenger cars during the three quarters," the report states, "numbered 162,000 units, or 27.5 per cent above the same period in 1936. . . . The number of motor-trucks and buses exported totaled 123,760, or 51.7 per cent above 1936 quantity."

Radio Net in 1937
41c Common Share

NEW YORK (AP)—Radio Corp. of America, in a preliminary statement for 1937, reported estimated net income of \$9,000,000 after charges and taxes, equal after preferred dividend requirements to around 41 cents a common share. This compared with net income of \$6,155,900, or 21 cents a common share, in 1936. Gross income for the year was estimated at \$112,650,000, against \$101,186,300 in 1936.

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Use of Textile Fibers in 1937 Largest Since World War

Steel Production
Hits 6-Year Low

By the Associated Press
New York
Production of open-hearth Bessemer steel ingots in January totaled 1,732,266 gross tons, lowest output for that month since 1932, and represented a decline of 63 per cent from 4,724,894 tons in January last year, which was the highest on record, the American Iron & Steel Institute reported.

January production was 18 per cent ahead of December output of 1,472,241 tons. Operations in January advanced to 29.14 per cent of capacity from 25.36 per cent in December. A year ago the average was 81.43 per cent.

President to Ask
For \$250,000,000
More for Jobless

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proach \$200,000,000 or \$250,000,000 though that is only half of what the Mayors requested.

The Mayors' group analyzed the situation as follows in a statement they left with the President:

How the Mayors View It
One-half million people must be dismissed from the WPA between now and June 30 unless the existing federal program is altered. This in the face of a period of industrial unemployment which threatens to approach the dark days of 1931-32. Regardless of the cause of the recession we do assert that if people, who are unemployed, are denied work or relief that fact constitutes an immediate danger to the stability of our institutions.

The limited funds appropriated to the WPA by the last regular session of Congress were so inadequate that unless something is done, these half million people must be discharged. In order to keep the present WPA quota of needy persons employed up to the end of the present fiscal year and also give employment to those in desperate need of work relief, there will be required a minimum and conservative deficiency appropriation of \$400,000,000. Approximately 1,000,000 workers, who today are approaching destitution by having lost their jobs as a result of current business conditions, must be given help.

In February, 1934, 4,200,000 workers were taken care of under the WPA program. In February, 1936, 3,600,000 workers were under. Today, in the face of drastic declining industrial employment only 2,000,000 destitute people are being given WPA employment. At least 3,000,000 able-bodied destitute workers, who do not desire charity, but who wish to work for public assistance should be given WPA employment. As stated above, this can only be carried out if the Congress of the United States provides a deficiency WPA appropriation of \$400,000,000 for the nation as a whole.

The cities are providing for direct relief to not only the unemployed but to hundreds of thousands of employable relief persons. This involves an extreme burden on the general property taxpayers. In fact, present city tax rates in cities are the highest they ever have been with diminishing capacity to sustain them and threaten into bankruptcy our cities and states.

We submit that this emergency demands immediate action by the President and the Congress of the United States.

President Views Situation
In his budget message last month, President Roosevelt looked forward to the present emergency, and wrote:

"The economic situation may not improve—and if it does not, I expect the approval of Congress and the public for additional appropriations if they become necessary to save thousands of American families from dire need."

This statement applies both to the remaining months of this fiscal year and to the next fiscal year, though it is not announced whether the President will include recommendations for an increase in the 1938 figures now, or will defer that to a later date. The latter expectation is considered more likely.

The prospective deficiency appropriations will of course enlarge the already big deficit for the present fiscal year. The net deficit was estimated last month at \$1,088,529,600, which is more than half a billion dollars more than was forecast last year. The net deficit for 1938 was set in January at \$949,000,000—a sum already thrown greatly out of kilter by the armament-building recommendations, and still further to be disturbed when new relief estimates are submitted.

Output of Fats and Oils
Higher in Fourth Quarter

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Census Bureau reported that factory production of fats and oils, exclusive of refined oils and derivatives, during the quarter ended December 31, totaled 1,782,194,993 pounds compared with 1,068,278,400 pounds for the quarter ended September 30.

The production was divided as follows: vegetable oils, 1,178,722,851 pounds; fish oils, 89,372,806 pounds; animal fats, 404,852,822 pounds; and greases, 79,288,674 pounds.

Of the several kinds of fats and oils, the largest production—809,709,307 pounds—was from cottonseed. Other production estimates for the quarter were: refined cottonseed oil, 647,053,612 pounds; lard, 276,286,527; linseed oil, 72,018,744; soy bean oil, 70,465,737; corn oil, 23,640,960; castor oil, 19,998,897; peanut oil, 7,749,118; babassu oil, 4,868,772.

Simplifying Tax
Structure Favored
By Roswell Magill

By a Staff Correspondent of
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NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Appointment of a survey committee to study the whole problem of federal taxation with a view to simplification of the Government's revenue structure is favored by Roswell Magill, under secretary of the treasury, to improve both the efficiency and productivity of the American tax system.

Voicing hope that the nation's tax laws would be greatly simplified within relatively few years, Mr. Magill told the association of the bar of the city of New York here last night that certain features of the income tax statutes would be cumbersome so long as American taxpayers adopted ingenious methods to avoid the levies.

"The whole subject of taxation of corporations needs additional study," he said. "The method of taxation of capital gains and the deduction of capital losses, for example, is a perennially unsettled problem which we hope may be improved by working out a practical plan whereby the total tax on gains will approximate the total taxes which would have been due had the gains been realized equally over the period during which the property was held."

Hits Tax Exemptions
An end to the tax exemption now enjoyed by state and municipal employees in so far as federal income taxes are concerned would be a constructive step, Mr. Magill held. He suggested also that the tax exemption features of state and municipal bonds should be abolished.

"The elimination of any exemption, whether inserted in the law by congress or imposed upon Congress by the Supreme Court cannot be accomplished readily, however, he continued. "If the court has outlined the exemption, as in the case of the interest upon state and municipal bonds and the salaries of state and municipal officials, it is normally impossible to eliminate it save through a constitutional amendment. The arduous course which a constitutional amendment must follow before adoption is too well known to require repetition."

Unless the public demand for an amendment were most insistent, Mr. Magill saw little likelihood of early adoption.

Secretaries of the Treasury, both Republicans and Democrats, for years have unanimously urged that the interest on future issues of state and municipal bonds be subjected to federal taxation and the interest on future federal issues to state income taxation, he recalled. "Dozens of proposals for constitutional amendments have been introduced into Congress, but we are little further along with the solution of the problem than we were 15 years ago. Nevertheless, the treasury still strongly urges the change."

Income Levy Expands
Development of the income tax over a period of 25 years had resulted in a vast change in the source of federal revenues, according to Mr. Magill. In 1913, the income levy yielded only 10 per cent of federal revenues, but now it produces 40 per cent, he said.

Since both the Federal Government and the state governments levy income taxes, Mr. Magill suggested that steps be taken toward elimination of present overlapping of levies.

"While everyone recognizes that an approach should be made toward integration of the federal and state taxing systems, the real problem is the formulation of an effective plan of procedure," he added. "Should Congress attempt to impose its will upon state tax administrations by providing for a distribution of the proceeds of certain taxes to the states if the states will repeal their present taxes upon the same subjects? A considerable change in our whole philosophy of government is inherent in this proposal."

"Should we, therefore, proceed on the more moderate course of allowing credits against the federal tax for the amount of a like state tax paid by its citizens? This program, unfortunately, does not eliminate duplicate administration and duplicate litigation. Can we meet this last problem by some provision for joint returns? These are major problems which can hardly be settled by either the federal or state governments acting alone."

Your Income Tax

This is the fifteenth of a series of articles by the United States Bureau of Internal Revenue, explaining the Federal income tax.

Losses on Stock Transactions
No gain or loss is recognized for income-tax purposes as a result of the exchange of stock or securities in a corporation solely for stock or securities in another corporation in pursuance of a plan of reorganization to which both corporations are parties or as a result of the exchange of stock or securities in a corporation solely for stock or securities in the same corporation in connection with a recapitalization. Where money or other property is received along with such exchanges, no loss is recognized, although a taxable gain may result. The statute also prohibits the deduction for any loss from the sale of other disposition of stock or securities where the taxpayer, within a period of 30 days before or after the date of sale or other disposition, acquires or enters into a contract or option to acquire substantially identical stock or securities.

Alberta Sugar Crop Good
LETHBRIDGE, Alta.—The sugar beet growers of southern Alberta have had a most successful crop, their tonnage of beets delivered to the Canadian Sugar Factories, Ltd., totaling 235,000 tons this year, as compared with 208,000 tons in 1936. Good sugar content and more favorable sugar prices also have served to boost the dividends to be divided among a thousand southern Alberta beet growers.

Desirability of Branch Vs.
Unit Banking Is Debated

Following are excerpts from a radio debate on branch banking given over WNYC (City of New York) on Wednesday, February 2, in which our Wall Street correspondent, Mr. Fleming, spoke in favor of branch banking, and Mr. C. B. Axford, Editor of the American Banker, daily banking newspaper published in New York City, took the side of the unit banker. The debate was the first of a series to be given every Sunday over this station under the sponsorship of the Public Education Division of the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Banking. Mr. Kenneth Maynard spoke as representative of the A. I. B.

By a Staff Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor
Maynard: . . . A hundred years ago there were some branch banks in the United States. The First and Second Banks of the United States had their branches. So did a number of our city banks. . . . In 1837, the more branches the bank had, the worse any run on it. So when the issuing of bank notes was limited to the national banks, it was natural that Congress restricted the national banks to unit banking, and most of the states followed suit. . . .

Axford: . . . the unit bank is a bank with only one office, usually owned by local people, and its offices are in the same town. . . . Maynard: . . . by and large, the National Banking system remained a unit banking system until a few years ago. Then, after the turn of the century, branch banking began to come back and some of the banks opened up their laws that a bank could have branches in their cities and counties. . . . In 1927, the MacFadden Act permitted national banks to have branches where state law permitted. . . . And right now the branch bankers are angling for the Federal Reserve Act, which would give them the right to have branches in neighboring states. . . .

Axford: . . . Senator McAdoo would let branch banks spread out over state lines so long as they remain inside the Federal Reserve districts. . . . and so long as they do not invade any states where branch banking is prohibited. . . . I think the American people . . . will be against that as a real danger.

Better Record Abroad
Fleming: May I put in my ear. As you and Maynard have made amply clear, this danger as you call it is growing. . . . The latest figures show 3,222 banking branches in the United States, or 30 times as many as in 1900, although the total number of bank offices is now back to its 1900 level. . . . And this growth has been in spite of hampering laws which actually prohibit branch banking in 10 states and limit it in 15 others, and in all cases prohibit it from jumping over state lines. . . . It almost looks as though without these restrictive laws, branch banking might have grown as fast as our great chain stores. . . .

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Branch Banking's Record
Axford: . . . But the branch banking record is really what it is cracked up to be. For example: . . . the 1920 banking crisis in the United States was paralleled . . . in Canada, and . . . two Canadian branch banks got into serious trouble; . . . one with 78 branches, closed as did the other with 227 branches was taken over by another bank at the request of the Canadian government. . . .

depositors in the . . . bank which closed received only 60 cents on the dollar since it failed in 1925, and of course shareholders lost in both banks. . . .

In both England and Canada, the depression brought a banking crisis in 1931. They relieved the pressure on their banking system that year by the abandonment of the gold standard. . . . a repudiation of the liabilities of a banking and currency system. . . . The British move had for its background . . . a crisis in a big British branch . . . bank . . . which was undergoing a pronounced international run. The Bank of England and the British financial City underwrote (it) and . . . wrote off their losses in 1937 and merged the bank. So they kept the record pure. London has had no bank failures in almost 50 years, but it has had plenty of mergers and each one has brought the British banking system nearer a banking monopoly or credit trust. . . .

Fleming: My point is that no depositor lost a shilling. . . . Axford: That is only if you can argue that currency depreciation does not rob bank depositors in the long run. . . .

Fleming: We depreciated our dollars also. . . .

Called War Casualties
Axford: That does not make it right. And . . . our banking crisis did not come when small banks were going into liquidation . . . but only after . . . a string of big banking crises in which we threw in millions of RFC money in an attempt to bail them out. . . . But the Bank of the United States in New York City was not bailed out . . . for its branches meant just so many more open doors at which people lined up to break the bank. . . . In all the thousands of small banks which failed, the liquidation was carried out in an orderly manner. There was no national crisis. But when a big branch failed . . . confidence was shaken over a wide area.

Fewer Railroad Workers
WASHINGTON (AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission reported that Class 1 steam railways had 93,870 employees in January, a decrease of 10.74 per cent compared with January, 1937, and a decrease of 4.3 per cent compared with December, 1937.

1937 Consumption
Of Cotton Record
Since World War

NEW YORK (AP)—Record-breaking use of cotton in the United States last year lifted the country's total consumption of leading textile fibers to the largest figure for any year since the war, the textile economics bureau reported.

Consumption of cotton, wool, rayon, silk and linen was figured at 4,374,900,000 pounds against 4,270,300,000 in 1936 and 2,948,900,000 in 1932.

Unprecedented use of cotton in the first nine months of the year, it was pointed out, offset a drastic decline in textile activity in the latter part of 1937. Cotton use rose to 3,830,400,000 pounds from 3,470,200,000 the preceding year and was 42,700,000 above the previous peak in 1927.

Wool, silk, rayon and linen use all were lower for the year, with rayon consumption placed at 301,500,000 pounds against 322,600,000 in 1936 and 155,300,000 in 1932.

Wool use fell to 353,900,000 pounds from 383,800,000 in 1936 and compared with 230,100,000 in 1932, around the depression bottom.

The Rayon Organon, published by the Bureau, observed rayon use, amounting to 6.9 per cent of the total fiber consumed, for the first time in 17 years failed to increase its relative position.

Silk, at 1.2 per cent of the total, was the lowest for that fiber since 1921, the publication said.

An increase in rayon deliveries last month following the sharp year-end decline was shown.

Consumers of Soft Coal Ask That Price Fixing Be Abolished
WASHINGTON (AP)—A group of soft coal consumers led the Bituminous Coal Commission know that they would be satisfied with nothing less than abolition of government price fixing.

Since the commission fixed the minimum prices Dec. 16, "various consumers have voiced legal objections. . . . Their chief criticism was that the commission fixed the prices without first holding a public hearing on the 'facts and figures' behind the prices. The Guffey Coal Control Act of 1921, that minimum prices should cover cost of production. . . .

At the hearing on the consumers' complaints, the commission placed in its public record composite figures to show how much it costs to mine and sell a ton of coal in each production district. . . .

But that didn't satisfy the consumers. They even objected to introduction of such testimony. They said: suspend the prices, order a public hearing, and then bring in the facts and figures. . . .

When the commission refused to grant that request, they demanded the cost sheets of individual operators, even though the commission reminded them that the Guffey Act specified these sheets must be kept confidential. . . .

The city and State of New York led the attack; counsel for other municipalities and consumers joined. . . . When J. C. Murphy, counsel for the city of Atlanta, Ga., joined Alex Pisciotto of New York City in demanding the sheets, Chairman Charles F. Hosford, Jr., asked whether it would not be necessary then to go a step further and have each operator come into the hearing with his books, on which cost sheets were based. . . .

Mr. Murphy agreed that it might, and added, that the whole price fixing plan was unworkable.

Power Output Off
5.4 P. C. Under 1937

NEW YORK (AP)—Electric power production in the United States for the week ended February 5 totaled 2,082,447,000 kilowatt hours, a decline of 5.4 per cent from 2,198,968,000 in the preceding week and a drop of 5.4 per cent from 2,201,067,000 in the comparable 1937 week, the Edison Electric Institute reported.

The institute reported the following percentage decreases from a year ago according to major geographic areas: New England 11.5, Middle Atlantic 1.4, Central Industrial 41.3, West Central 2.7, Southern States 0.4, Rocky Mountain 1.4, Pacific Coast 1.3.

Wheeler Sees Rise in Rail
Rates Merely a Palliative

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont) of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee expressed the view that an increase in railroad rates would be only a "temporary palliative" to the roads. The railroads have petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission for a 15 per cent boost.

Addressing the Washington Traffic Club, Mr. Wheeler said: "Increased freight rates do not necessarily bespeak increased revenue. Railroads need increased volume to produce additional revenue. What generally happens in a horizontal increase such as that now requested? For two or three months roads obtain some increases in revenue though by no means the full percentage of the rate increase. After a few months the increased rate begins to reduce the volume of traffic and the roads withdraw the increase one by one."

Mr. Wheeler said a "conservative" economist once declared that railroad profits were greatest when rates were lowest.

Asserting that the future of the roads was not as "tragic as some predict," and that railroads were as indispensable now as 50 or 75 years ago, the Senator advocated: Keeping total capitalization down to earning value in lean years. Low debt and interest charges. Abolition of the surplus tax to permit setting up of sinking funds with which to pay bonded indebtedness. Tightening of the law regulating railroad expenditures for purchases of stock in other companies. "Genuine" competitive bidding for equipment and supplies. Elimination of "unnecessary" holding companies and non-operating affiliates and subsidiaries. . . .

Giving the I. C. C. the same access to records of bankers and brokers it has to records of the carrier. Strengthening the staff of the I. C. C. Bureau of Accounts and Finance.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The California Farm Bureau Federation, criticizing the railroads for asking a 15 per cent freight rate increase, called for elimination of "extravagant and wasteful" practices by the carriers.

"Truth of the matter is we have more transportation than the available traffic can support, both rail and highway," the Federation said in a brief filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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FEBRUARY 15
Deposits received by mail.

SUN LIFE
ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA
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Sixty Seventh
Year of Public Service
A FEW FACTS . . .

THE SUN LIFE OF CANADA was incorporated in 1865 under the laws of the Dominion of Canada. Today it ranks among the foremost life assurance institutions in the world.

THE PROGRESS OF THE COMPANY, during 1937, was again marked by an impressive increase in Assurances in Force, New Paid For Life Assurance, and Assets.

FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, the Sun Life of Canada has maintained an active organization in the United States for the service of United States policyholders who today have more than One Billion Dollars of assurance in force, and own a large proportion of the Company's million policies.

FOR THE SPECIAL PROTECTION of its United States policyholders the Company maintains in trust within the United States an amount sufficient to cover its net liabilities to them.

AND FIGURES
Assurances in Force, December 31st, 1937 \$2,896,589,103
New Assurances Paid for during 1937 - 250,064,011
Payments to Policyholders and Beneficiaries
During 1937 - 76,203,342
Since Organization - 1,122,307,344
Assets, December 31st, 1937 - 828,487,776
Liabilities - 801,148,223
Paid-up Capital - 2,000,000
Surplus and Contingency Reserve - 25,339,553

The total liabilities of the Sun Life of Canada in the United States are \$287,530,937.56. The net liabilities are fully covered by assets held in trust.

The Annual Report will be mailed to all policyholders. Others may obtain a copy upon request.

WORLD WIDE SERVICE SECURITY
FIRST POLICY ISSUED 1871

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13	13		8%	4%	United Ford (30%)	1	5	5	
13	21%	+ %	8%	5%	US & Foreign Sec	1	7	7	+ %
30	30	Feb 4	73	69	US & For S pf (6)	1	89	69	Feb 4
32%	32%	Feb 5	1%	1%	US Distributing	1	1%	1%	Jan 18
33%	33%	Feb 4	3	9%	US Freight	2	8%	8%	Feb 8
11%	11%	Feb 3	72	87	US Gypsum (2a)	25	82%	87	+ 1%
15	15	Jan 6	8%	6%	US Hoffman Mach	6	7%	7%	+ %
10%	10	Jan 8	35%	31%	US Hoff M pf (3%)	1	31%	31%	Feb 4

%	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%	22%	24%	26%	28%	30%	32%	34%	36%	38%	40%	42%	44%	46%	48%	50%	52%	54%	56%	58%	60%	62%	64%	66%	68%	70%	72%	74%	76%	78%	80%	82%	84%	86%	88%	90%	92%	94%	96%	98%	100%																																																	
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1%	1%	Dec 31	7	57%	US Smelt Ref (1e)	2	69%	68	06	-1
6%	6%	Feb 4	68	63	US Smelt of (3%)	2	68	66	06	
11	21		62%	40%	US Steel	218	55%	53%	54	
6%	5%	Feb 3	114%	104%	US Steel of (7)	8	107	100%	100%	- 1/2
12	32	Feb 7	136	119	US Tobacco (5a)	1	125	126	125	Jan 31
8	8	Feb 3	4%	4%	United Skysds (1%)	11	4%	4%	4%	+ 1/2
7%	7%	+ 1/2	2%	1%	United Stores A	2	2	2	2	
13%	11%	- 1/2	41	37	United Stores of (6a)	2	38	38	38	Feb 4

	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1%	1%	+ % Jan 28	1%	10%	Univ-Cycl Stl (1)	9	11%	11%	Jan 28
17%	1%	+ % Jan 28	84%	50	Univ Leaf Tob (3A)	1	63%	63%	Feb 3
			1%	%	Utilities P & L A	1	%	%	
7	17	+ % Feb 8			S V I				)
0	9%	+ % Feb 8			Vadsco	1	%	%	- % Feb 7
24%	2%	Feb 3	22%	18%	Van Raalte (1/2c)	2	21	%	21

3%	3%	+ %							
3%	3%	+ %	20 15	Vanadium (lg)	21 18%	17%	18	+	+
4%	4%	+ %	42 39%	Vick Chemical (Sa)	1 39%	39%	39%	+	+
6%	6%	Feb 4	5% 3%	Va-Caro Chemical	11 4%	4%	4%	+	+
7%	7%		32%	22%	Va-C Ch 6% p (1%)	4 27%	26	26	-
17	24%	+ 3%	120 115	Virginian Ry pf (6)	1 115	115	115	Feb 2	Feb 4
17	47	- %							
12	32								
W									
19	11%	Jan 21	2%	1%	Wabash Ry	1 2	2	2	Feb 5

105	Feb 4	2%	Wahash of A	1	3	3	Feb 8
113	91%	Feb 8	Waldorf Sys (1g)	1	7%	7%	
112	Feb 1	8%	Walgreen (2)	1	18%	18%	
114	31%	1/2	Walgreen of ww(4 1/2)	1	79%	79%	—
116	11%	1/2	Walker(H)G&W (4)	1	42	42	
157	95%	Feb 7	Walker(H)G&Wp(1)	2	19%	19%	Feb 3
9%	9%	1/2	Walworth (1g)	27	73%	73%	— 1/2
8	15	1/2	Ward	1	11%	11%	Feb 4
			Ward-Rand A	1	13%	13%	

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8	18%	24	24	Wayne rump (a)	8	26%	26%	26%	+ 1/2	
4	36%	1 1/2	3	2 1/2	Webster Eisenlohr	1	26%	2 1/2		
9	19%	32	37	Wesson O&S (w)	1	30	30	36	+ 1	
8	28	75	73%	Wesson O & S pf (a)	1	73%	73%	73%	Feb 4	
4 1/2	24%	17	18%	14%	West Auto Sup (1.60)	6	15%	15%	15%	+ 1/2
4	4	Feb 8	4%	3 1/2	West Maryland	1	4	4		
1	1	Feb 8	9	7	West Mary 2 pf	1	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Jan 26
8	2	Jan 9	1%	1	West Pacific	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Feb 8

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3%	13%	Feb 4	90	90	Wheeling St pl (6)	2	90	90	90	Jan Feb
3%	13%	Feb 4	59	55	Wheel Stl pr pf	3	55	55	55	Feb 3
4%	24	Jan 31	15	14	White Dental (1.20)	1	14%	14%	14%	Feb 3
3%	15%	+ 13%	13%	8%	White Motor	17	11%	10%	10%	
5	85	Feb 3	11	10	White Rk M So (1.40)	1	10%	10%	10%	Feb 2
7%	8	Feb 3	3	1%	White Sew Mach	6	2	2	2	Feb 8
60%	60%	Feb 3	21%	13%	White Sew M pl	1	18	18	18	+ 1%
8%	3%	Feb 3	2	3%	Wilson O & S	1	2%	2%	2%	Feb 3

0%	8%	2%	2%	Willis-Overland	1	2%	2%	2%	1%
0	10	Feb 8	3	2%					
0%	18%	Feb 1	5%	4%	Willis-Over pt. (80)	19	15%	8%	8%
0%	18%	Feb 1	5%	4%	Wilson & Co	22	4%	4%	
0	1	2 Jan 20	60%	50%	Willson 88 of (8)	1	50	49%	50
			19%	13	Woodward	9	15%	15	15% + 1
			43%	38	Wortham (2.40)	16	42%	41%	41% - 3%
			19%	14%	Worth P & M	12	17	16%	16% + 1%

30	30		46	35	Worth pr of (4%)	2	58	37	38	Nov 30
1 1/2	1 1/2	— 1/4	34 1/2	30	Worth cv pr of (4%)	7	37	35 1/2	37	Feb 8
1 1/4	2 1/4		65	62	Worth pr of (4%)	2	30	30	30	Feb 7
1 1/2	2 1/2				Wright Jr (3a)	2	68	65	66	+ 2 1/2
Y—Z										
0	80		27 1/2	20 1/2	Yale & Towne (.60a)	1	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	Feb 7
1 1/2	1 1/2	— 1/4	15 1/2	.88a	Yellow Truck & C.	178	14 1/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	+ 1/2

1%	5%	Feb 8	18	13%	Young Sp & W	6	16%	15%	16%	Feb 8
2%	22%	Feb 5	43%	31%	Young S & T (1/4%)	51	36%	35%	35%	Feb 8
2%	2%	Feb 5	75	73	Young S&T P (5/4%)	1	73	73	73	Jan 29
3%	22%	Feb 5	22%	15	Young S Door (1/4%)	11	17%	16%	16%	Feb 8
5%	Jan 19	17%	12	Zenith Radio	22	13%	13%	13%	Feb 8	
4%	14%	Feb 8	3%	Zenite Products	11	3%	3%	3%	Feb 8	

(*) ex-dividend; (1) ex-right; (a) 1937 dividend; non extra.

4%	60	Feb 7	(e) paid this year; (f) payable in stock; (g) paid in 1937;
3%	43%	-2%	(h) cash or stock; (c) accumulated dividend paid this year;
2%	8%	1%	(ww) with warrant; (xw) without warrant; (d) 1-25 share of
1%	15%	+3%	3% of stock; (b) 1-10 share of \$3 preference stock.
0%	98%	-3%	
7	7	-1%	
3%	20%	+1%	

Where issues carry a date after the last price, it signifies the day on which a sale was last recorded on the Stock Exchange.

Over-the-Counter Stocks	
	Bid Asked
American Mfg 44	19 23
Am Screw 1.80 a	40 44
Grt No Paper 51 a	28 30 1/2
Grnd T&D pt 98	53 53

13%	1	Am Winger	5 1/2	5	Hey'd Wakeland	15	17%
112%	Jan 26	Amosko Co \$ 1 h m	19	34	Hydrad Sylvania	33	27%
2%		Appleton Co \$ 4 s	10	40	Keith, G E pf 1 s	23	..
2%		Arden Mills \$ 4 s	10	22 1/2	Lincoln Stores 1 s	23	..
1%		Bates Mfg	7	11	Ludlow Mfg A 80 1/2	11	118
2 1/2		Bay State Fish	17	20	Merrimack Hat \$ 1 f	12%	14%
18%		Seyf Ind 43 1/4 pf	52	55	Merrimack Mfg	8	11
11%		Berksh Fin 8p \$ 40 f	5 1/4	7 1/4	Nashawena Mills	3%	3%
17%		Bird & Son of	87	91	Nashua Mfg	8%	11%

25	Feb 1	Root Mills 54 35	43	Nati Casket 94	43%	40
34	3 1/4	Root Rail Hild 54 pf 10	35	Naumg Steam 96 f	36	40
7	3 1/4	Boston Wharf 93	20	Newmkt Mf 96 f	36	41
7	7 1/2	Root Wor Hox 93 f 20%	34	Nichlan Fie 81 25 f	32	35
21 1/2	Feb 4	Bourne Mill 8.20 h	3	Nonquitt Mills 83 f	17	10
18 1/2		Cabot Mfg 64 1/2 f	40	Norw & WRH 98 pf	80	85
12 1/2	1/4	Chapman Valve 32 f 36%	39	Prv & Co's 810 f	68	73
9 1/2	1/4	Charlton Mills 91 f	19	Quinn & Wul W	72	25

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1/4 1% Feb 4
 1/4 31%
 1/4 32 1/2%
 1/4 34 Jan 24
 1/4 40% -1 1/4%
 1/4 22 1/2% Feb. 7
 1/4 8 1/2%
 1/4 9 1/2% + 1/2%

		Bid	Asked	Bid	Asked
8	—	43	45 1/2	Actina Cas	53 1/2 57 1/2
9	—	44	45 1/2	Actina Ins	43 48
50	+ 1/2	79	82	Actina Life	23 1/2 25 1/2
51	—	80	82	Acta Equi	26 26 1/2
52	+ 1/2	81	83 1/2	Acta Ins Nw	10 1/2 12 1/2
53	+ 1/2	82	84 1/2	Acta Reins	30 1/2 32 1/2
54	+ 1/2	83	85 1/2	Acta Reserve	21 22 1/2

15% Feb 1	Com Merch	152	133	Am Surety	38%	40%
15% Feb 1	Cor Exchange	51	33	Automobile	25%	26%
15% Feb 1	Empire Trust	22%	14%	Cenn Gen Lif	25%	27
17% + 1/2	First Nat	17%	14%	Contin Cas	25	27
25% + 1/2	Guaranty Trust	234	142	Pic of Dep	160	163
8 + 1/2	Irving Trust	12	14	Gen Reinsur	35	34
8 + 1/2	Manhattan	23%	25%	Glens Plac	25	27
6% + 1/2	Manufacturers	37%	38%	Globe & Rep	12%	12%
	New York Trust	92%	85%	Globe & Rus	29	33

6%	Feb 4	Public National	20%	31%	Great Amer	23	24 1/2
7	Feb 2	Tiffe Guar'ee & Tr	41	7 1/2	Hanover	20 1/2	22 1/2
4%	Feb 4	Boston Bank Stocks			Hartford Fire	62 1/2	65 1/2
7	+	Dead Asked			Homestead	15	16 1/2
20%	+	Best Saf Dp & Tr	200		Home Ins	28	29 1/2
40%		First National	37%	39%	Mass Bond	46	42 1/2
4%		Mechanics	200	..	Nor River	24 1/2	26 1/2
3 1/2	+	National Rockland	20		Phoenix	74	76
		National Rheumat	210				

7%	N Broad Trust*	400	..	Springfield	100	100%
10%	Pilgrim Trust	168	..	Bum Life	410	480
30%	Second National	125	..	Travelers	611	611
51 Dec 20	State St's Trust*	262	..	U S F & G	1210	190
6 Feb 1			..	U S Firs	47%	49%

* Stock to be sold must first be offered to directors of bank

7%	N Broad Trust*	400	..	Springfield	100	100%
10%	—	—	..	Bum Life	410	400
30%	Pilgrim Trust	165	..	Travelers	611	611
30%	Jan 31	225	..	U S F & O	1210	100
51	Dec 30	282	..	U S Firs	47%	40%
6	Feb 1	282	..			

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Wool Prices

is selling in a modest amount more freely than buyers apparently are taking in the raw material. Buyers have worked down to 70¢ for Wools that reached a pound last year, are now 60¢, and most domestic buyers are well under the "limit" that they enjoyed about a year ago.

Buyers feel that this basis for domestic wool is pending reciprocal agreement with Great Britain. They are sure, but nevertheless "cautious step" toward reductions of duty under the new tariff.

Buyers are evidently book-keeping their business which is heavy to draw attention away from wool in the warehouse. This coupled with the price level, prompts buyers to buy in raw wool.

Wool is being done in the market at 68¢ paid for Texas and 65¢ for Montana. Others are moving in a small way at 50¢ for medium wools.

Buyers are chiefly Texas and Montana. Occasional sales are made to Delaware and Montana buyers close to 75¢ clean. Some quarters and three-quarters are sold to a lesser extent of price.

Wool is irregularly priced. One said that a mill that is not paid for goods and is unable to buy some raw wool, is usually obliged to pay for the mill. If there is no present mill, the goods are sold at a loss. The mill is not forced to buy, but under the nominal price of picking up a few cents.

Hope of picking up a few cents.

mohair is at low ebb
 Boston market is con-
 business materializes
 markets in the country,
 being close to 30 cents
 40 cents for kid hair.

Plans Available Next 10 Days

Christian Science Monitor

MON — In accordance with the recent Resolution of Congress passed on February 4, emergency feed loans for 1938 will be available to farmers within 10 days, according to S. P. H. H. H., director of the Emergency Feed Loan Section, Federal Credit Administration. Emergency crop loans, which will be made available only to farmers who have no credit from any other source, will be available to the farmer's necessary cash needs for growing crops or maintaining his

amount which any
may borrow from the
p loan offices in 1938
interest rate on the
cent a year.

Key Market

erk Quotations

Today	Prev.	Yr. Ago
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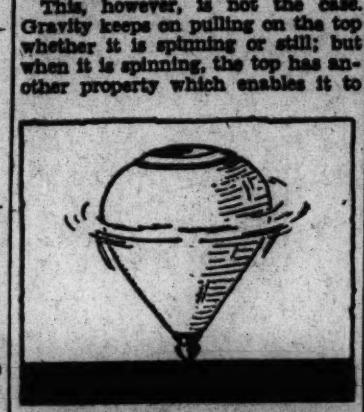
Christian Science Monitor.

Did You Ever Wonder

How a Spinning Top Keeps Its Balance?

It is a curious fact that merely setting a top to whirling rapidly will enable it to keep its balance on its point. It is plain that the spinning is what does the trick; for as the top slows down, it begins to wobble and weave about until it finally drops on its side. It would almost seem that gravity—the force that tends to draw all objects toward the center of the earth—has no effect on a spinning top.

This, however, is not the case. Gravity keeps on pulling on the top whether it is spinning or still; but when it is spinning, the top has another property which enables it to



overcome the pull of gravity. This property is shared by all revolving bodies or objects—the property of

resisting any attempted change in the direction of the axis of rotation. The axis of rotation is an imaginary line round which the object revolves. And the heavier the object and the faster it spins, the greater its resistance to change.

Every child who rolls a hoop unwittingly takes advantage of this property of spinning or revolving bodies. As long as the hoop revolves, or rolls fast enough, it will resist the pull of gravity that tends to make it fall to the ground.

On a very much larger scale, this same resistance of whirling or spinning objects to a change in the direction of its axis of rotation is in the huge gyroscopes installed in certain ocean liners to lessen the rolling and tossing of the ship at sea. The ship's gyroscope is essentially an enormous, heavy-rimmed flywheel capable of rotating at high speed, and the axis of the flywheel is free to turn in any direction.

The resistance of the heavy, fast-spinning gyroscope to changes in its axis of rotation tends to keep the liner on an even keel. In spite of the great difference in size and importance, the mechanical principle involved is the same for both the ship's gyroscope and the spinning top.

W. F. Keasbey

In Lighter Vein

Same Result

"Did you ever make your living writing poetry?"

"No, but I got lost in the woods once, and didn't eat for a week."

The Truth Will Out

"I understand," said the old-time friend, "that you're getting quite exclusive."

"Well," answered the bachelor, "that's what my sisters call it."

"What do you call it?"

"Just plain downright 'exclusion'."

Not Too Showy

She was a Boston provincial, and smacked of the Back Bay. Approaching a clerk in one of Fifth Avenue's swankiest millinery shops, she said quite patronizingly: "I'm from Boston and would like something a trifle smart without being the least bit showy."

"Get you, ma'am, sort of second mourning," replied the experienced sales lady, adding as a lever, "I once lived in Boston, myself."

Burns' Alma Mater

Someone was praising the public schools to Charles Landseer, and said, "All our best men are public school men. Look at our poets. There's Byron; he was a Harrow boy."

"Yes," interrupted Landseer, "and there's Burns; he was a plowboy."—Edinburgh Dispatch.

Establishing Identity

Jane (to the policeman on the corner): "Please, Mr. Policeman, have you seen a lady without a little girl that looks like me?"

Test a Minute



"—and I'd advise you to keep on moving."

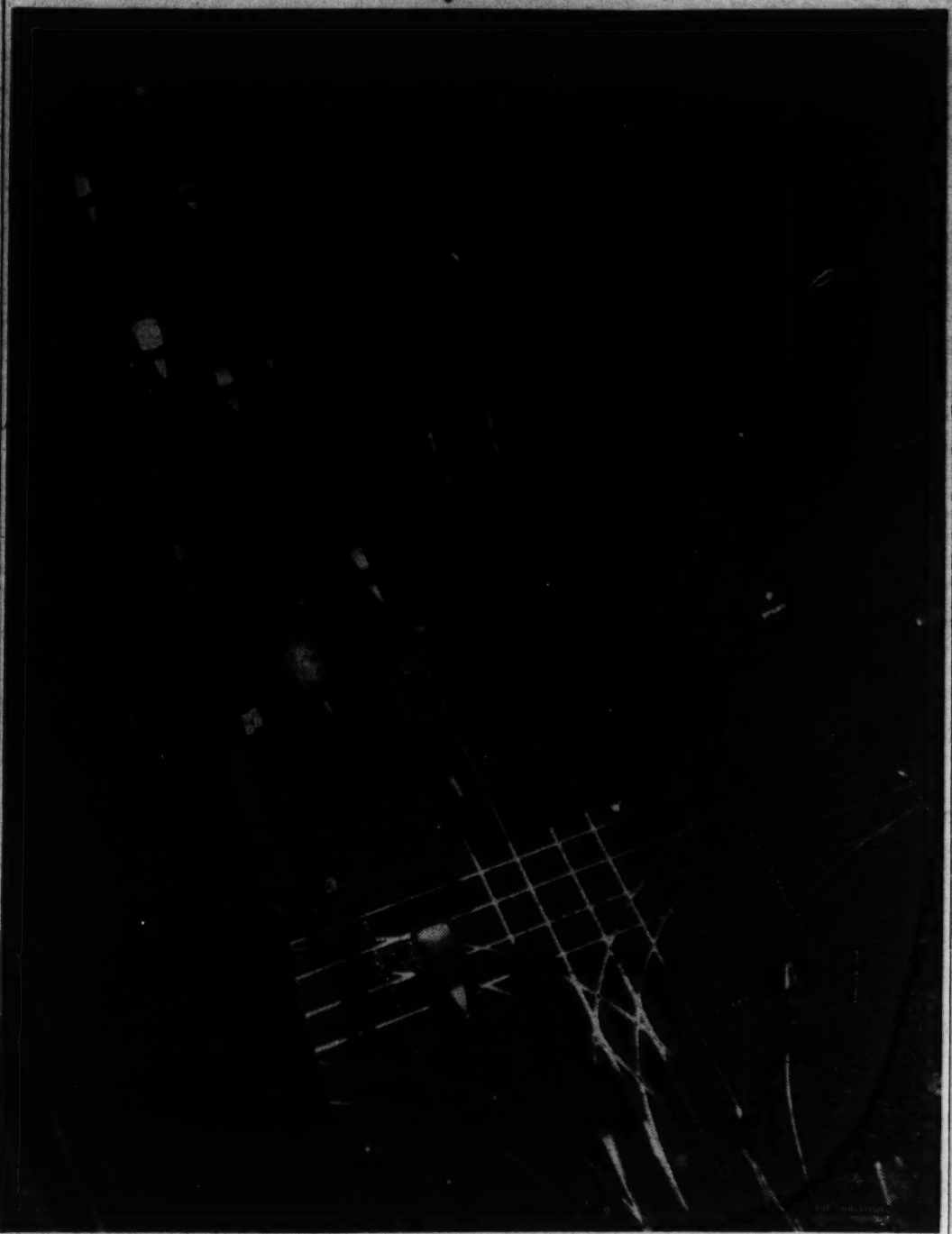
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Daily Anecdote

'A Pioneer Artist

Few American artists have achieved the high distinction of Frank Duveneck. He was one of the first native artists to dispense with the meticulously drawn outline made on the canvas before the application of his colors; and this brought to him the descriptive term, "modeling in color."

Duveneck was born in Covington, Ky.; and when a child, his greatest pleasure was to model with the soft and pliable clay he found on the banks of the river near his home.

In 1870, the practically untaught painter set out for Munich; and from the beginning he made startling progress, winning prize after prize offered by the Academy, and also gaining early fame. In his second year he painted "The Whistling Boy," which ever remained his most celebrated canvas.

Returning to America, he devoted as much time to teaching as he did to painting. And he was instrumental in developing the Cincinnati Museum of Art, which houses some of his finest works, including "The Whistling Boy."

Power of Prayer

I fear John Knox's prayers more than an army of ten thousand men.

—Mary of Scotland.

Quotation for Today

FOR age is opportunity, no less
Than youth itself, though in another
dress;
And as the evening twilight fades away
The sky is filled with stars invisible by
day.

—LONGFELLOW

Brevities

St. Louis Star Times: Now and then a restaurateur runs out of ideas and uses chicken in chicken salad.

St. Thomas Times-Journal: That two can live as cheaply as one may mean that dad and mother can live as cheaply as daughter.

Ottawa Journal: A newspaper headline refers to an "aged farmer" of 68—written, no doubt, by a middle-aged chap of about 24.

Punch ©: In a speech intended to restore working-class confidence Stalin drank a toast to "the tens of thousands of minor leaders in the Soviet regime." There are of course no major leaders left.

Montreal Star: Five thousand years of civilization, and still the most famous are those who can hit, swat, kick, or carry a ball.

Charlie Leedy in Youngstown Vindicator: One of the severest of all department tests comes to the man who likes to be nice in a restaurant, but who still likes to get the last fragments of vegetable salad onto his fork.

Los Angeles Times: We can still extract some pleasure from the modern economic system under which we suffer many things. There is a lot of excitement trying to make \$25 a week suffice for a \$50-a-week living expense.

"I Record only the Sunny Hours"



Love Furnishes a Home

Camden, N. J.

Early last year, in a town in southern New Jersey, there was nailed up on the door of a three-room apartment a small pink card bearing these words: "Believe it or not, our friend, furnished this apartment." Here is the story of the pink card:

A family who had purchased a farm in the hills of New England, moved all their household effects to the new abode, and mother and daughter established themselves there. In a few months it was decided that it would be best to rejoin Mr. H— in the town from which they had removed; and since they did not want to again shift furniture for what they knew would be only a short stay, a friend kindly boarded the family.

They were contented at the friend's home, but needed the freedom of a place of their own; and finding a small apartment, they set about purchasing only what was needed for comfortable housekeeping.

Merrily the purchasing was begun, only to be as merrily halted. After the first purchase of beds, a friend, learning of the family's intentions, offered to lend an entire bedroom suite; and the storekeeper generously canceled the order for beds. And now, pink cards found a gay purpose: On each article of the suite, a card bore these words, "Kindness of Mrs. W—."

In some way the news spread rapidly. Friends and neighbors telephoned their loving offerings. And when the arranging of the small home began, all contributions were tagged. Dishes, silver, pots, pans, and ironing board bore cards reading, "Kindness of Mrs. P—." Other cooking utensils were from "Mrs. H—." Towels, tablecloths, and other necessary linens were labeled, "Kindness of Mrs. E—."

There was a large rug from "Mrs. K—." Two chairs, on the way to the Salvation Army, were reclaimed for the time and marked, "Kindness of Mrs. D—." A kind person, unknown to the family, donated an icebox. There was even a radio, lent by "Mrs. S—." And everywhere there were pink cards—glad pink cards—testifying to the love of friends.

Editorials

Britain and America

BRIEF and blunt is the answer to continued rumblings about a secret agreement between Great Britain and the United States. Senator Johnson of California has got a plain and public "no" from Secretary Hull. Everyone knew there was no treaty of alliance. No one who knows Mr. Hull will now question his categorical denial that any agreement exists for co-operative action by the British and American navies. Yet the fear of millions of Americans that their Government will be drawn into another war by London leading-strings cannot be refuted by a simple "no."

There is no secret agreement for joint naval action. There is no blue-print for dividing up the seven seas between British and American fleets. There is an open treaty—the London Treaty of 1936. By it Britain, France and America agreed to limits on the size but not the number of ships. Within the week they have all questioned Japan about her building plans. They are acting under a treaty clause allowing any signatory to go above the limits if a non-signer started building bigger ships.

In 1936 Britain and America both denied Japan's plea for parity; both plainly indicated they would build if necessary to prevent it. They have taken parallel but not joint action. They have kept each other fully advised. Mr. Anthony Eden's "daily consultation" phrase may not be too strong. But neither is committed to help the other. If they were, some of their projected increases might be unnecessary.

Yet there is a British-American agreement. And to some it is a secret. Italy has never understood why feeling in Boston over Ethiopia was so similar to that in Glasgow. Mussolini might be surprised to know how "English" is the American reaction to his intervention in Spain and his casualness about pirate submarines. France and Germany can hardly fathom the inwardness of an unguarded Canadian border. Japan has been puzzled by the similarity of British and American feeling over the bombing of Chinese civilians as well as the slamming of the "open door."

British interest in continued American occupation of the Philippines may not be quite clear to Tokyo. In Berlin it might be difficult to explain why London felt so

much concern about a far smaller German Navy in 1914 and so little in 1921 about an American Navy actually or potentially bigger than Britain's. In the orange groves of Senator Johnson's California it may not be wholly evident why—without any plan for dividing the oceans—the American fleet can be concentrated in the Pacific.

In the mountains of Senator Borah's Idaho there may be no deep appreciation of what America's position might be in a world where Britain ranked as a second or third rate power. And on the plains of Senator Nye's North Dakota the belief may persist that only Morgan loans took the United States into the World War.

Yet the foundation stones of a basic Anglo-American agreement are no secret. One is no more occult than the habit of thinking in the language of the English Bible. One is plain to all who know the Puritan story and the long struggle for freedom of conscience and of speech. There is no mystery in a common common law, in the shared heritage of slow-grown liberties. Memories, traditions, ideals. Sports, songs, sentiments—there are many stones in the foundation. Americans listening to the Coronation, Britons to President Roosevelt's inaugural—by radio sharing today's events as yesterday's history.

And not all the agreement rests on sentiment. Trade reaching three-quarters of a billion weaves a web regardless of likes and dislikes. Common interests in China, in a dozen other sections of the globe, are so great that "pulling American chestnuts out of the fire" might be as true a taunt as the reverse.

There is no need to exaggerate the foundations, material or spiritual, of the agreement between Britain and America. They may have been exaggerated in 1917. Neither country will gain by ultimately building on foundations that do not exist.

But there is no good in blinding our eyes to the real understanding which makes parallel action probable and natural. Americans who depreciate the ties with Britain only falsify their country's position. Without alliance, without secret agreement, without any more sentiment than inevitably exists, a sound foreign policy for America must take full account of fundamental agreements with Britain.

After Blomberg

ANNOUNCEMENT of "co-ordination" of the German Foreign Office with National Socialist policy is one of those expected results of Reichsführer Hitler's release of some old-line leaders of the German Army. It would seem to be a step in a process of invigorating German foreign policy, and an added portent of increasing pressure by Germany for recognition of what it considers its right to reclaim the Germanic peoples now outside Germany's shrunken boundaries, to dominate Austria and to possess colonies.

Removal of Franz von Papen from Vienna leaves a post in the Austrian capital for a German minister with more interest in spreading National Socialist doctrines and aiding party organization in that country. Austria has maintained its independence partly because of the stalemate between Italian and German ambitions in Central Europe. But in recent months Premier Mussolini has been losing ground there. Whether the time has come in which Herr Hitler can afford to risk Italian annoyance at German progress in Austria may soon become apparent. Changes in personnel at Rome may be relied on to strengthen the Rome-Berlin axis in one section to offset its increasing weakness in another.

For the rest of the world German hopes in Austria would seem less dangerous than any German move against Czechoslovakia. French antagonism would almost certainly be aroused against Germany in the event of an attempted drive in that region, and Britain's attitude could hardly be one of disinterest.

The colonial question, of course, will not be settled by the method of fait accompli, even though the German Foreign Office is under control of more radical leaders than heretofore. But no doubt it will be pressed with renewed vigor. It is a question possible of peaceful solution, however, and one which Germany's leaders will no doubt regard with more patience than they may those questions which now hover over Central Europe.

Tempered Winter

WINTER in many an American community so far has been merely the name of a season. There has been small searching of overcoat pockets for gloves, and still less retrieving of mufflers from bureau drawers, while "first robins" and redbirds are in evidence in such number that they draw the good-natured levity of the local newspapers. It is true that the early vireos have not yet been brought to light, but temperatures have been so mild that a determined search would no doubt disclose it hiding a modest head in some sheltered, woodland dell. The regional press, lacking the customary snow-falls and sub-zero temperatures, has recourse to reminiscence, telling anew of the "great blizzards" of '86 and '88.

Not that there has been an entire absence of snow or of intense cold, for

there have been times when a downy white blanket has covered the landscape and occasions when parti-colored earmuffs, youth's substitute for the winter cap of a generation ago, have been plentifully in evidence. But these lapses into winter have been fleeting.

Only the trees testify that winter still is with us. Some scenes today reveal hedges still touched with summer's verdant coloration, while the paradoxical "blue grass" still retains much of the emerald brightness of June. Viewing it in feathered contemplation is one of those "first robins." Perhaps he is trying to decide whether the fourth season is a spring-like winter, or merely a wintery spring.

Industrial Statesmanship

ON FEBRUARY 28 the contracts between the Committee for Industrial Organization and several steel producers, including the United States Steel Corporation and representing about one half of the industry, expire. March 31 is the termination date of the agreements of C. I. O. with Chrysler and other motor manufacturers, excepting General Motors, whose pact is on a sixty-day basis, and, of course, Ford. Hence the next sixty days are fraught with important developments in the labor relations of these basic industries, which may be conclusive on the course of general business the remainder of this year.

It is obvious that demands for higher wage rates and a shorter work week will not be pressed this year. At the same time, industry will wisely not crack down on unions when they are vulnerable, as they always are in periods of unemployment. Inasmuch as each passing day of halting business undermines the price structure, manufacturers understandably are loath to freeze wage and price levels for any considerable period. The interdependence of employer and employee is thus emphasized, and the need for close co-operation becomes the greater.

Doubtless in the negotiations for new contracts, which are already quietly under way, consideration will be accorded to viewing wages from the standpoint of annual income rather than only hourly or daily rates—a viewpoint favored at the White House. A tie-up of wage rates and price levels may be attempted. There may be exploration for a formula that will operate equitably for labor and at the same time enable manufacturers to price their products at levels that are reasonably remunerative and attractive to buyers. More attention to increased production and employment might well give both partners in the industrial process a larger yearly income.

In any event, the executives of these two basic industries—steel and automobiles—and the labor leaders with whom they are dealing are confronted with an opportunity to display industrial statesmanship of a high order, make some constructive moves in the field of labor relations, and supply a much-needed fillip to business.

Was Susan a Genius?

Book News of the Day

IF ANYONE else had written *THIS PROUD HEART* (New York: Reynal and Hitchcock, \$2.50) it would be easy for a critic to dub it a "pot-boiler" and go on to the new volume next in line upon his shelf. But "The Good Earth" should have made it forever impossible for Pearl S. Buck to write anything deliberately inconsequential. Hence it must be confessed that it is hard to be reconciled to her preoccupation with the fortunes of Susan Gaylord. Perhaps Mrs. Buck wished to prove to her public that she can write of the American as well as of the Chinese scene. She now lives in America and may prefer to be identified with its life and people.

Susan Gaylord, one is asked to believe, was a genius. Never from the beginning was she quite like other people. Her family knew it and were admiring or jealous according to their separate lights; her teachers were baffled and her girl friends antagonized. Mark, the young man she first married from among the home people of her little American town, never felt that Susan belonged to him; Blake, the second man she married, in Paris, wealthy and sophisticated and talented, found eventually that Susan eluded him too. Susan wanted everything. She longed for a husband and children with all the joys and responsibilities which they entailed; but at the same time she often forgot them utterly because the creative urge overwhelmed her. Then nothing satisfied except the shaping of the moist clay or, later in her career, the sensitive, yet forceful chipping away of the surfaces of marble.

This creative urge in Susan seems to have been the sheerest instinct, an impulse almost animal in its intensity. She would not know at all what she wished to create, but blindly she would mould her clay until her hands seemed to become intelligent in their own right and she permitted them the control. Little mental concept entered into the process, at least not while Susan was young and eager. Later her work was more calculated until, finally, she held her first exhibition, puzzled all the leading critics who expected her work to be like the average woman's, won the allegiance of an elderly and influential connoisseur in New York—and was embarked upon her career. No one possessed Susan for long, because she belonged to her art.

It is all swift and a little frenzied—this development of a genius. Torn between her normal womanly desires and her need to create with her hands, Susan plunged along a path that was far from smooth. The trouble is that her readers do not quite believe in Susan's genius, a genius so tremendous as to justify the fall of everything and everybody threatening to hamper it. No, Mrs. Buck cannot safely stoop to the ordinary American novel.

And yet it is absorbing reading—a novel not without its distinction. Some of the characterization is good, and the style, while unlike that flowing, melting, epic prose of "The Good Earth," is capable and agreeable. If anyone else had written it—the inescapable fact is that Mrs. Buck long ago taught us what we might expect from her.

M. W.

Shall Grass Grow Green Along the Tracks?

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TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

Suburban Massachusetts is facing a crisis. The New Haven Railroad is trying to abandon more than 200 miles of track, with eighty-eight stations, on March 27. Formal application has been filed. And even while protests are mounting, the Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission has announced public hearings at the State House, Boston, for February 23, 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14 and 15. Newport, R. I., also is slated for rail oblivion.

Mounting deficits by the railroad are given as the reason. But there is another side also. The home owner. Many hundreds of families in the selected areas have their ties up in property bought, because there was rail transportation to and from Boston. Abandonment of these lines means a property depression which will tend to force the population back to already overcrowded cities and away from the suburbs.

The railroads have a future—just as they have had a glorious past. The nation owes much to the railroads; to that indomitable pioneering spirit that made possible the United States of today. But that spirit, of the empire builders, has not been killed, has not left us, but it has been suppressed, managed by railroad red tape and ultra-conservatism that have paved the way for the abandonment of more than 10,000 miles of once prosperous rail lines. And more abandonments are on the way, are even now pending before public service commissions of many states. And it is all so needless.

Throwing away a business because it has lost money is like burning down the house because there is a smoky chimney. Undoubtedly the New Haven has a growing deficit—as have many other roads regardless of rates or traffic. But mere abandonment is no answer for inefficient, unprogressive management.

Abandonment of these branch lines now means more and more abandonments later—until the New Haven itself becomes but a memory—a ghost line—a monument to what a wide-awake, progressive, efficient business could be—but isn't.

The railroads can compete successfully with both the auto and the airplane. They can regain all—and more—of their lost revenues and prestige. It can be done. But going out of business is no answer, to the railroads, to their creditors, or to their communities.

Dover, Mass. C. A. L.

Ageless Art

TO THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

The article, "Conscripted Art," in your recent issue, reminds me of John Ruskin's definition of Fine Art as that in which "the hand, the head, and the heart of man go to-

Tending to Keep Him on a Middle Course



The Gentleman of Shalott

"I THINK," said George, "the river would give us a cheap, original week end." Bill sat up with a jerk. "The river—in the depths of winter?" "Heaps of fellows with bungalows would be glad to have them opened up, and aired; and—"

"You don't air them in the winter, you pump them out. We should come back sodden."

"Nonsense—not with a roaring fire. We'd get plenty of exercise—nothing like rowing for keeping you warm—and besides—"

"He went on arguing with Bill for hours; but Bill hasn't the same staying power, and soon after dark, a week later, we were gazing the car at—well, somewhere near Staines."

"What's the name of the bungalow?" growled Bill.

George, who had found a confiding friend, at the last moment, to lend it to him, seemed a bit hazy. "It's—er—something out of Tennyson. I've got it written down somewhere; but, anyway, I know exactly how to get to it."

A succession of muddy lanes, and, finally, a rickety wooden bridge, spanning a backwater as dark and silent as a peat bog, landed us on a melancholy islet. George flashed his torch round, and picked out a gate, on which was the name "Shalott."

"Here we are. The key's round at the front, hidden on a ledge in the porch."

Half-an-hour later we were still searching for that key; and Bill's comments had acquired rhetorical impressiveness.

"All right," said George, "we'll force open a window at the back," and he set about it.

Inside we found things much more comfortable than we had expected. The place was brick built, and as dry as a bone; and by the time Bill and I had had a look around, and had got a fire going in the sitting-room, we were prepared to pass a vote of thanks to George. He, however, had disappeared.

"Probably gone for a row," grinned Bill, warming himself luxuriously. "It's an odd thing," he muttered presently, "but that old fellow on the mantelpiece looks extraordinarily like my Uncle Pilchard."

I had turned to look at the photograph, when the front door, which gave directly into the room, was flung open; and a small man, followed by an outsize in policeman, burst upon us.

"What are you doing here?" demanded the little man, with some heat.

After a moment or two to collect my wits, I explained.

"This is my house," declared the little man; and I detected the ring of conviction in his voice. "What's the name of the person you say has lent you one?"

"Masteron," I replied confidently.

"Not known in these parts," pronounced the Law ominously, edging a little farther into the room.

Bill and I looked at each other in wild surprise.

"It's 'Breakin' and enterin'," opined the same speaker in a lightning flash of deduction.

Bill sprang to the door.

"George!" he yelled.

A figure rose above the landing stage at the foot of the garden; and our wanderer returned to us along the lane of light from the window, bearing, like Ulysses, an oar, or rather two oars, upon his shoulder.

"Who lent you this house?" we demanded in chorus, as soon as we had him inside.

"What?" George looked blank. "Oh, I don't know his name."

"What!" croaked Bill.

"No, you see Masteron got it for me from a pal. I don't think he mentioned his name. We fixed it over the phone."

"Ah!" rumbled the constable. It was a monosyllabic masterpiece. "Breakin' and enterin'," he repeated with mournful relish. "You'll 'ave to come along o' me."

We explained again—and again. The little man was icy: the constable adamant.

"Breakin' an'—"

"Quite!" snapped Bill; then he swung round, and pointed dramatically to the mantelpiece. "That," he cried desperately, "looks extremely like my Uncle Pilchard!"

"It's certainly my old friend, Sir Pilchard Pryde; but—"

"I'm his nephew. Here!—here's a letter I've had from him," babbled Bill.

"I expect," remarked the little man affably, when the constable had gone, "it was Tomkin's shack, next door, you should have gone to; but I insist on your remaining here now."

"What's the name of Tomkin's place?" asked Bill a little later, with a fierce eye on George.

"Arden."

"Tennyson!" exploded Bill; and I joined in his shout of laughter.

George regarded us coldly. The gentleman of Shalott looked puzzled.

"It's taken from Shakespeare—'As You Like It,'" he explained primly.

"No," said George sweetly, "as I like it, it's taken from Tennyson—'Enoch Arden.'"

The Wide Horizon

Australian Trade Angles

By Lachie McDonald

Melbourne, Victoria

WITH the probable implications of a give-and-take Anglo-American trade pact overshadowing the 1938 revision of the Empire preferential trade agreement made at Ottawa in 1932, Australian producers, manufacturers and consumers are engaging in impromptu stock-takings, political lobbying and speculations as varied as they are apparently endless.

It is true that similar activities were felt in national life before Ottawa but today there are significant differences. Six years ago a depression-conscious Australia was chiefly concerned in obtaining the advantages of Empire trade reciprocity without being called upon to sacrifice the right to conduct its own overseas affairs.

In the intervening period, economic nationalism has grown apace and today the majority of Australians have a better knowledge of foreign affairs; they would like to share the benefits, obvious and otherwise, of an Anglo-American agreement—if such a pact were not to cost them the more important of their primary produce concessions on United Kingdom markets, or open too wide an Australian doorway to imports of United States origin likely to undersell local products and so disturb industrial development and internal wage levels.

Ottawa gave Australia preferences in the United Kingdom for meat, milk products, cereals, fruit, wine, eggs, zinc, lead and other commodities with the result that export trade jumped 37 per cent in 1935-36 over the average for the three years prior to the introduction of reciprocity. In the same period, Australian imports of United Kingdom goods rose from 243,000,000 to 281,500,000.

Internal manufacturing production and profits rose at the same time. Analysis of the accounts of seventy-five manufacturing companies made at the end of Australia's last financial year shows that the aggregate profit, still improving, was £1,200,000 better than in the previous year. Between 1932 and 1937, the number of Australian factories increased by 32,000 and employees by 171,000.

Producers and manufacturers who believe that the Australian trade delegation to Washington and London should fight for continuance of strict Empire preferences and stick out for Canberra's maintenance of high protective tariffs against non-Empire countries, use these figures to press their case.

On the other hand, there are Australians who believe that Ottawa has been over-praised and that export and industrial development since 1932 have been due in large part to natural and special variations in world and local economic conditions. An undisputed fact is that continued expansion of secondary industries in Australia is vital to the nation's existence.

As Federal Attorney-General Robert G. Menzies has said: "The problem of population for Australia cannot be solved within a measurable period of time without migration. The motive force of migration was never so much the explosive power of bad conditions and prospects in the old land as the attractive power of good conditions in the new. The attraction and absorption of migrants depends essentially on the increasing growth of Australian industrial capacity. Our protective policy therefore is not a mere proof of either selfishness or self-sufficiency; it is the basic condition of our national safety."

United Kingdom statisticians have calculated that England's population will have shrunk from 41,000,000 to 35,000,000 in the next forty years unless present trends are arrested.

"It is impossible to believe Great Britain," Mr. Menzies says, "can go on indefinitely absorbing more and more surplus produce from Australia." He has warned the Commonwealth: "As a young country on the threshold of its development, Australia has to look to the whole world for her markets. That is why the Government approaches the Anglo-American negotiations with a helpful spirit."

Mr. Menzies, Federal Government spokesman on the questions of Ottawa revision and American trade pact possibilities, has taken the long view and envisaged a freer flow of world trade as the eventual result of a satisfactory Anglo-American agreement. Federal and State Governments are very much alive to the fact that such trade alliances frequently pave the way for international co-operation in times of international crisis.

Australia has been given the hint that it should adopt this broader standpoint. In other words, while Canberra's trade delegation is most unlikely to commit Australia to any Anglo-American agreement that smacks of Australian trade having been made a pawn in the bargaining game, it will probably go to Washington and to London with a real desire to play its part in making the English-speaking democracies a power for world peace.

And this, even if it means slight preference sacrifices in certain United Kingdom markets, and reasonable tariff modifications at home and in Washington. For the average Australian, like the west-coast American, is beginning to realize that his future well-being is inextricably entangled with the maintenance of peace in the Pacific.

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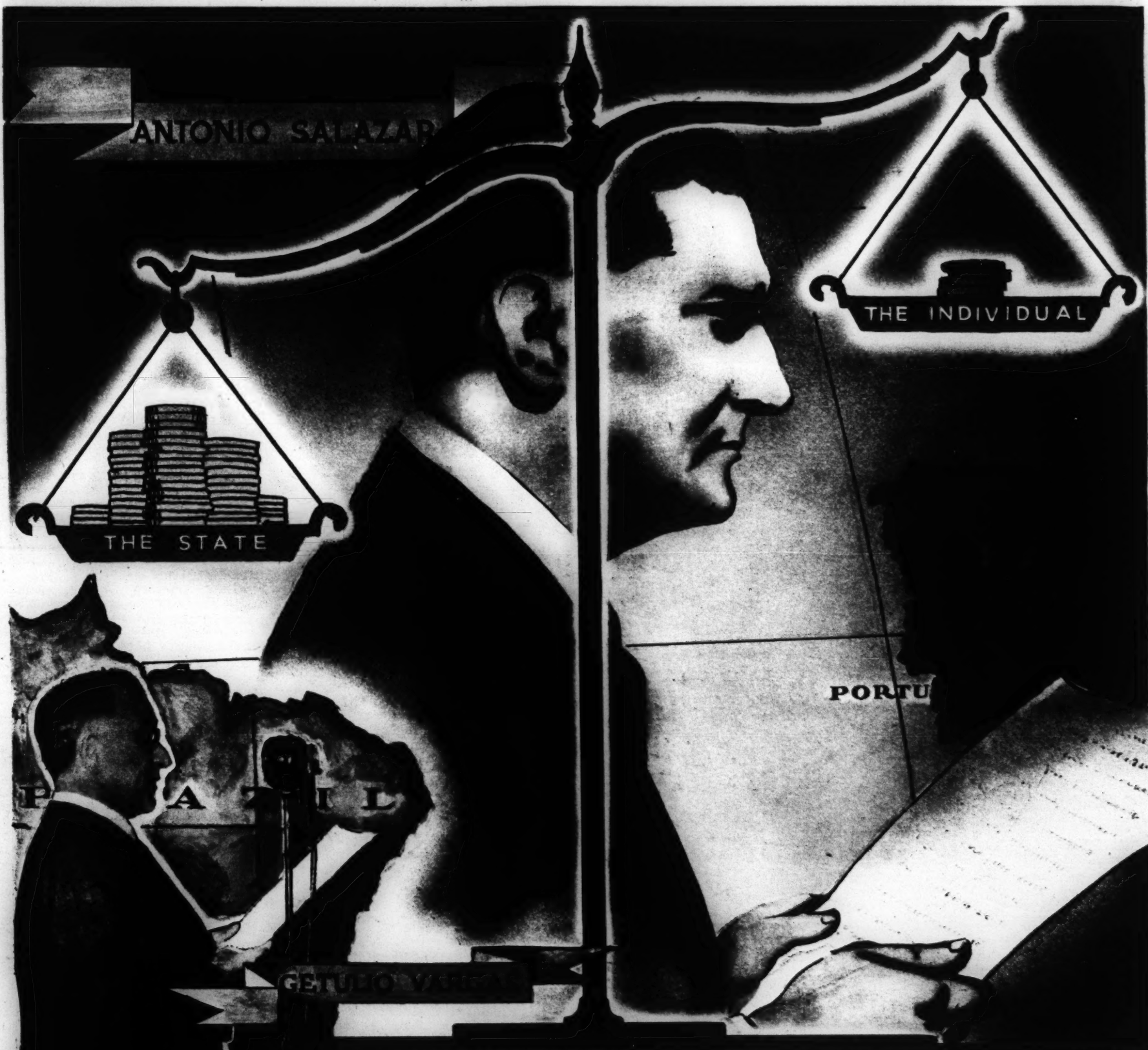
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Portugal's Corporate State

By Dr. Franz Borkenau

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The new Brazilian Constitution, established November 10 last by President Getulio Vargas, to replace the former Constitution with a corporative state and personalist rule, was inspired in part by the present Constitution of Portugal, which is the lingual and racial parent state of Brazil. A means of approaching an understanding of the Vargas objectives is provided by Dr. Borkenau's discussion of the present and immediately past estate of the Portuguese dictatorship.—Editor.

THE PORTUGUESE dictatorship is unique in this respect: that financial considerations brought it into existence in its present form at least and that sound finance still is its chief aim.

Dr. Oliveira Salazar went to dictatorship from his chair as a professor of economics at the University of Coimbra. Dictatorship of a university professor is

in itself a thing peculiar enough. But there is much more which distinguishes Dr. Salazar from the numerous crowd of dictators who are filling the political stage in our days. Quite genuinely he has been reluctant to go into politics. Once he was elected a deputy to the Chamber and did not take his seat. Another time he was appointed Minister of Finance and left his office after a few days. Even now he is of a rather secretive character, keeping himself in the background, appearing rarely in public, shunning oratory and public display.

The true Fascist and National Socialist has, in fact, only one article of faith: absolute allegiance to Signor Mussolini or to Herr Hitler; but there exists in Portugal no political mass movement, based upon the confidence of the masses in the capacities of the leader as a superman. There is no "totalitarian" party.

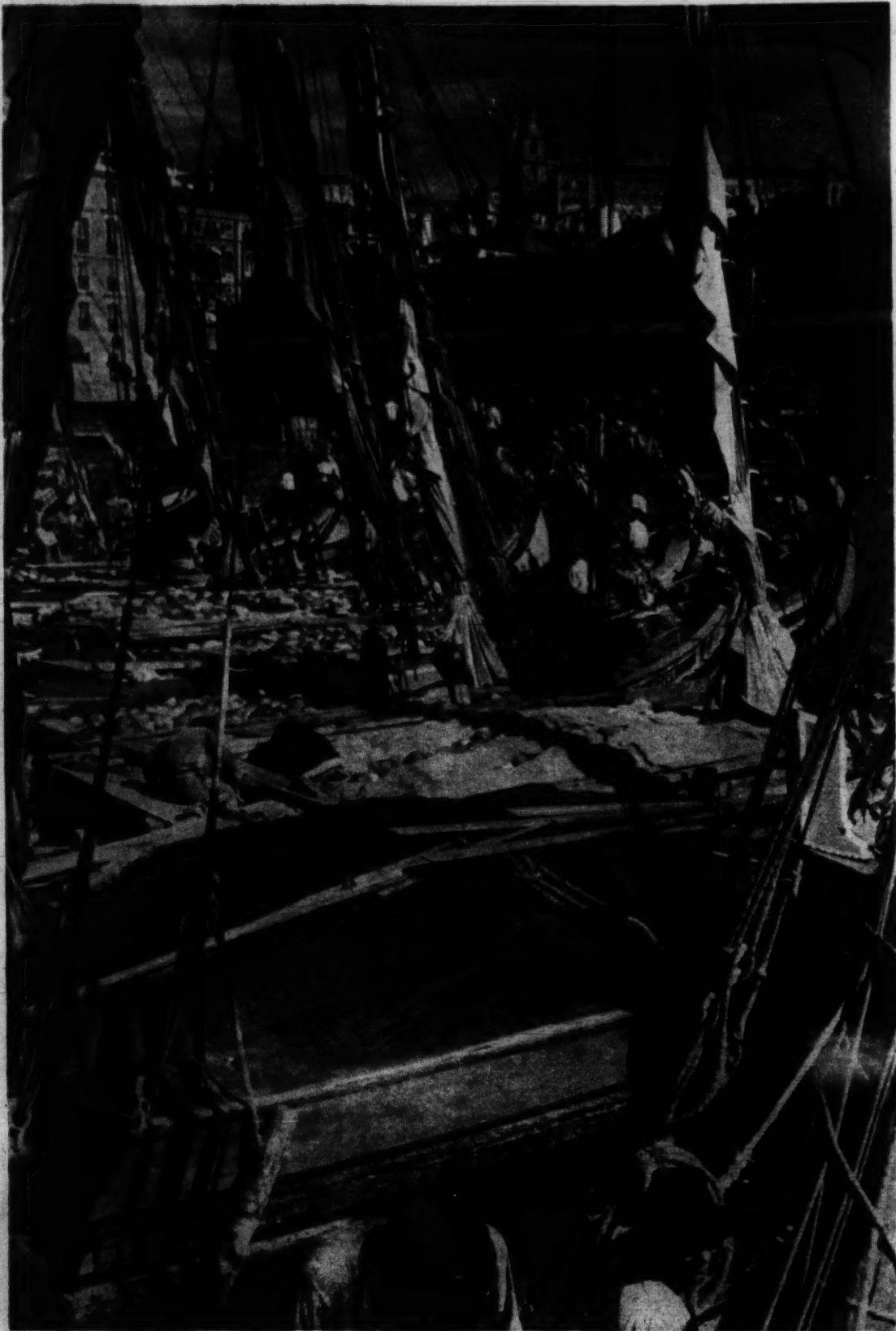
To be sure, after having been his country's dictator for a couple of years, Dr. Salazar has formed a political organization to back him, the "National

Union." But this body, far from being the mainstay of his rule, has played a very secondary part in Portuguese politics. The Portuguese dictatorship has not issued from a powerful and violent mass movement. It is essentially a bureaucratic dictatorship.

This is not to say that Dr. Salazar's personality is of minor importance. Very much the contrary! He has achieved something which has been rarely achieved in history, especially in Latin countries. He has, by sheer administrative cleverness and financial capacity, transformed a military dictatorship into a rule of civilians.

Since the revolution of 1910, which overthrew the monarchy and brought in the republic, Portugal had been the prey of ambitions of a few inimical political cliques which contested power in numerous "revolutions." These revolutions used to be simple military coup d'états. There was never anything similar to the passionate and violent participation of the Spanish masses in the fight of the political parties.

Nevertheless this series of armed fights for power,



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THE PORT FACILITIES OF LISBON
(ABOVE) HAVE BEEN IMPROVED UNDER
THE REGIME OF DR. SALAZAR

every successful factor treating the state as a milk-cow, brought Portugal to the threshold of ruin. When, finally in 1926, the army as a whole rose against this state of things, with the support of not a few genuine republicans, overthrowing the Government, abolishing democracy in its peculiar Portuguese version, and establishing a military dictatorship, it was greeted by the whole country with a sigh of relief.

But disappointment came soon. The army chiefs quarreled among themselves. Ministry succeeded ministry, financial disaster proceeded rapidly. And, in 1928, the leading officers saw no way out except that of calling upon Dr. Salazar, who by then had no other reputation than that of an ardent Christian and of a solid financial expert.

Dr. Salazar insisted on a single condition: not a penny would be spent without his immediate consent. On the strength of this rule, he established his dictatorship. By 1932 he was strong enough to become Premier, with General Antonio Carmona still President of the Republic. The army was not pleased with these developments and Dr. Salazar's rule was threatened by an old liability of Portuguese politics, the *pronunciamentos* of the generals. He has been successful in allaying this threat by practically disarming the greater part of the army and heavily arming a few selected regiments instead. The police, too, have been given enormous powers.

One should not think of the Portu-

intellectuals and many others have been confined to the most unhealthy spots in the colonies, from which many never return.

Finance has been the primary care of Dr. Salazar's Government. He has been thoroughly successful in that sphere, at least as to previous Portuguese standards. Though his adversaries would like to deny it, he has stabilized the Portuguese exchange at a par with the pound, has balanced the budget, has enormously increased state revenue and considerably increased state expenditure.

His adversaries complain—with some degree of justification—that he resembles those kings of the sixteenth century who made the state rich and the people poor. Taxes have been raised to an oppressive level. They weigh most heavily on the land, which, Portugal being an agrarian country, is the chief source of taxation. Sometimes peasants are forced to abandon their soil because they are unable to pay the taxes. House owners have been made responsible for the taxes of their tenants. At the same time, while expenditure in general is taking an upward trend, certain items have suffered heavy cuts, notably the colonial budget.

Dr. Salazar is a state socialist who

posits than all the private banks of Portugal together.

With this capital at his disposal, Dr. Salazar has built roads, splendid ports and other public utilities, launching the Government upon an ambitious scheme of national planning. This peculiar sort of state socialism is the more original feature of the Portuguese dictatorship.

While reluctant to imitate the "totalitarian" political régime of Italy, Dr. Salazar has embraced the economic ideas contained in the Italian "corporative" state. Since 1933 the Portuguese Government has attempted to organize every trade on "corporative" lines. National and provincial bodies, composed of representatives of the owners, the workers, and of various ministries, are set up in each industry. They work under the strictest government supervision and have been granted the amplest facilities. Thus the corporative of the wheat growers has been set the aim of making Portugal independent of foreign importations and, for this purpose, has been granted the monopoly to buy wheat, at a fixed rate, and to store and sell it.

Heavy premiums were paid, from the funds of the "Caisse generale," for the extension and intensification of wheat-growing. The attempt succeeded too well. Helped by two bumper crops, Portugal was left with an enormous excess of wheat which could be sold abroad only at a heavy loss for the producers. But the Government continues its experiments in other spheres. Thus the "corporative" of mill owners has scrapped a considerable number of mills, for very modest compensation, in order to stabilize prices and profits. The general policy tends to keep prices high, which, naturally, has a favorable influence upon revenue from taxation.

There is an attempt to dictate the general outlines of economic policy strictly, but to leave the execution in detail to the "corporative" bodies, whose majority consists of those immediately interested in one particular trade. Success of such a scheme largely depends upon the willing collaboration of business itself, which does not always seem to be forthcoming.

Anyway, the experiment itself has provided Dr. Salazar with the solution for one more burning problem. It is not easy for any dictatorship to continue all the time simply as a de facto rule of the bureaucracy, the police and certain picked regiments. The corporative organization of economic life was therefore utilized for the formation of a new type of constitution, which was proclaimed in 1933. Under this, all executive power rests with the President of the Republic, who is elected by plebiscite, only one candidate being in the field. He names the Premier—or, in practice rather, the Premier, Dr. Salazar, names him.

Legislative power is vested in two chambers. The one, consisting of 90 deputies, elected on one single list all over the country, with no other list in the field, represents the "democratic" element. The second chamber consists of the representatives of the various industrial "corporatives." Laws implying any sort of expenditure—in practice all laws—can only be brought in by the Government, but must be carried by both chambers, which is a thing never difficult to obtain, as both are exclusively composed of partisans of the Government.

It is easily seen that the economic side of Dr. Salazar's constitution is much more operative than the political one. The wheat-growers' "corporative" is like the Canadian wheat-growers' pool, with the one important difference, that whereas the Canadian farmers themselves decide the policy of that pool, the Portuguese wheat grower must accept the policy laid down for him by the Government. But the fact that there is a wheat pool—or, for that matter, a pool of millers, of bakers, of sardine factories, and many, many others—is in itself important enough.

The political representation of these pools or "corporatives" in a second chamber is, however, a matter of very little importance, as the second chamber, and the first chamber, and, for that matter, the whole Constitution, can be summed up in one sentence: Dr. Salazar's will is the rule of the country. It is this last and central paragraph of the Portuguese Constitution which Senhor Vargas, in Rio de Janeiro, may be expected to copy most carefully.



Lionel Green
A VIEW IN THE THEATER SECTION OF RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZILIAN CAPITAL, WHERE
SENHOR VARGAS HAS PUT FORWARD A POLITICAL PROGRAM MODELED IN PART
ON PORTUGUESE PRACTICES

guese dictatorship as of a particularly lenient rule. Not even Dr. Salazar himself denies that prisoners have been tortured, though naturally he claims that this has happened against the established rules. And thousands of adversaries of the Government, old monarchist aristocrats, former ministers and colonial governors, leading

uses heavy taxation as his chief means to transfer capital from the private owners to the state. In addition to taxation, state credit is doing his work. All private banking has been restricted to the advantage of the "Caisse generale de depots," a state-controlled affair, which is giving heavy loans to the state. It has, at present, more de-

Lincoln: Man and Boy

Traits Revealed as a Child in the Kentucky Hills Were to Mark His Entire Career, and the Wanderer There Today Can Recapture Some of the Background of Those Days

By Malcolm Bayley

ABRAHAM LINCOLN was the most remarkable boy of his generation in the hill country of Kentucky and Indiana. He was considered "queer" because he was gentle, that is, of innate refined manner, and humane—actually unable to commit an unkind deed—while dwelling amid rough, uncouth surroundings, where white men often outdid red savages in acts of cruelty and violence.

In a community just emerging from the pioneer period, where moral values often were low, the boy was never known to utter a falsehood. He joined others in outdoor sports and competition, but more often was found by himself reading, swinging an ax, or gazing at the high peaks of the knobs—yet he was never alone. His most intimate associates were of the mental realm. He lived, worked, played with thought companions—beloved comrades who dwelt in the recesses of his innermost consciousness. None but he knew and talked with these friends, and they remained with him throughout the years.

This, I believe, constitutes just such a word portrait of the boy Lincoln as any intelligently sympathetic first-hand observer might have presented.

By studying the Kentucky country of Lincoln's origin and its people, some of whose ways have altered little from those of a century and a quarter ago, a fairly accurate, though imaginative, picture of the Emancipator's childhood may be gained. Added material may be gleaned from Lincoln's reminiscences and from the unquestioned portions of the few existing narratives of contemporaries.

The boy Lincoln outwardly was probably just such a youngster as may be found anywhere in the rural districts of Kentucky today, although he exhibited traits which marked him as inwardly different from his fellows. He lived in a one-room log cabin, fished in the small streams, played Indian in the hollows of the hills, and worked in the cornfields from spring planting to fall harvest to the best of his juvenile ability. The whole of his schooling was less than a year, yet he was better educated than most others of his age and station, principally because of his habitual search for learning and self-culture.

When he was small, Abraham Lincoln's sole attire for three fourths of the year consisted of a long "tow linen" shirt which reached to his knees. This was woven by his mother, or perhaps one of his grandmothers, and was bleached on his back by the sun. Young children of the tenant class—black and white—wear the same attire in Kentucky today, but the garment is now fashioned of cotton "store goods," or it may be either one of an elder's cut-down shirts or simply a flour sack. While the Lincolns were landholders and not tenants, the poverty of the tenants of today was common to all in pioneer times.

When young Abe became old enough to go to school, he inherited the "linsey-woolsey" or jeans-breeches of his father, made over to fit; and when the ground began to freeze in the late fall, he donned his only pair of shoes, made by a cobbler at Elizabethtown or Bardstown, the nearest county seats. When the spring thaws and plowing time came, he discarded his footwear.

Just as Tom Lincoln at 8 had helped his pioneer father, so Abraham at the same age helped his father in the three-cornered field at their last home in Kentucky. This was in the forks of Knob Creek, a branch of the Rolling Fork of Salt River, where Tom Lincoln moved from the birthplace farm near Hodgenville. The field sometimes grows a crop of corn today. Here little Abraham was taught how to drop corn and cover it with his bare toes and to put a "punken" seed in every third hill. A sign by the side of the road, erected by the Louisville Automobile Club, identifies the field and home site.

Lincoln's own Kentucky recollections centered about this place. The farm was on the Louisville and Nashville turnpike, now called U. S. 31-E, or the Jackson

Highway, some 16 miles south of Bardstown and nine miles north of Hodgenville. The turnpike was the Lincoln family's contact with the world. Along the road marched soldiers to and from the wars. Over this route went cattle to market and slaves to the plantations of the deep South.

As for the institution of slavery, likely enough the Lincoln family were reconciled to it, although the Little Mount Baptist Church, to which they probably belonged, was founded by anti-slavery folk who had left another church because of their beliefs. Tom Lincoln and Nancy Hanks had been married in Washington County by a Methodist deacon, Jesse Head, who owned slaves and frequently advertised runaway Negroes in the newspaper he published at Harrodsburg. This town has preserved within a brick building the cabin in which the Lincolns were married.

Tom Lincoln was for a year a patroller in northern Hardin County. The law required patrollers to seize any slave strolling without a permit or found at any unlawful assemblage and, "at the discretion of the captain," to administer not to exceed ten lashes on his or her bare back; and to do the same to any slave "found in possession of any article of property without such writing."

There is no record that the elder Lincoln ever was paid for his services, and it is doubtful whether he ever was called on to perform an official duty in the year he served. There were only a few hundred slaves in Hardin County, and Abraham Lincoln makes no mention of ever having seen one in his native section. Indeed, Negroes are rarely found in the "knob country" of Kentucky today.

Soldiers made an impression on little Abraham. He learned from his parents that soldiers lived a hard life, giving up home and loved ones, good food and warm shelter in exchange for weary marching, a bed on frozen ground, scanty rations, exposure to the weather, wounds, and worse. All of this in that day—as in the time of Lincoln's maturity—was in the name of liberty.

So when the 5-year-old Abe, returning home from fishing in Knob Creek with a lone small fish, met a returning soldier in the road, his impulse was one of generosity and kindness. The ragged, footsore veteran of the River Raisin, the Battle of the Thames, or other engagements of "Mr. Madison's War" at once enlisted the boy's compassion.

"I gave him my fish," Lincoln afterward told John Hay, his secretary, "having always been told at home that we must be good to soldiers."

Did "Father Abraham" think of that incident of his childhood when, after hours of prayerful consideration, he took that eventful step of 1861 and called the first 75,000 men to arms? We know, at any rate, that the same compassion that moved the child on the dusty turnpike in Kentucky actuated him in many characteristic deeds of mercy when he occupied the White House.

"Abe was a good boy," wrote Dennis Hanks, Lincoln's kinsman, who, ten years Abraham's senior, observed the boy both in Kentucky and Indiana. There is not the slightest evidence that young Abe caused his mother or his stepmother a moment's anxiety. Indeed, between the latter, Sarah Bush Lincoln, and her stepson existed the strongest bond of affection. The motherless boy whom she had rescued from squalor in the Indiana wilderness did not forget her when he grew to greatness, but made a special trip from Springfield, Ill., to her home in Coles County to bid her an affectionate farewell when he went to Washington in 1861.

Nicolay and Hay, Lincoln's biographers, remark: "Of all those advantages for the cultivation of a young mind and spirit which every home now offers to its children, the books, the toys, ingenious games, and daily devotion of paternal love, he knew absolutely nothing."

Possibly many biographers have taken too much for granted about Thomas



From "Heroic Statues in Bronze of Abraham Lincoln," by Franklin B. Mead. Courtesy the Lincoln National Life Foundation, Fort Wayne, Ind.

MANSHIP'S LINCOLN

A Bronze in Color, by Paul Manship, Shows Lincoln as a Youth, With Dog and Ax

Lincoln. He was no worse and, indeed, probably much better than many of his associates and neighbors.

The year after his marriage, records in the Hardin court house reveal, Thomas Lincoln attended the auction sale of the effects of Thomas McIntire and bought for his bride a dish and plates for \$2.68 and a "bason and spoons" for \$3.34.

In Abraham's fifth summer, his father attended the sale settling the estate of Thomas Hall and bought two articles—a sword and a "truck waggon," paying for the latter 8½ cents. The sword probably was converted into a corn knife, but what kind of wagon could be bought for 8½ cents? Probably a home-made toy that made little Abe a very happy lad when his father rode home that night.

While Abraham lived in Knob Creek he attended for short periods the schools of Zachariah Riney and Caleb Hazel. Here he learned his letters in a school where all studying was done aloud. One of his schoolmates, Samuel Haycraft, who was county clerk of Hardin when Lincoln became President, wrote: "Abe was a mere spindle of a boy, had his due proportion of harmless mischief, but as we lived in a country abounding with hazel switches, in the virtue of which the master had great faith, Abe, of course, received his due allowance."

But the land on Knob Creek—like that on Nolin, where Abraham was born—quickly became infertile. Corn is a crop that saps the last ounce of nourishment from the soil. This was before the day of commercial fertilizers or the scientific rotation of crops. Planting legumes to add free nitrogen to the soil was un-

heard of. Consequently, a farmer was obliged after a few years' cropping to break new ground. This is the secret of Tom Lincoln's several moves from the days before his marriage until after his son grew to manhood.

Everyone who has read a Lincoln biography knows how the 7-year-old child and his family lived for their first winter in Indiana in a "half-faced camp," which was merely a shed with a roof and two enclosed ends, the back being a hillside. Fires in front of this "lean-to" kept them from freezing. But a better house was built the next year and soon a settlement sprang up in this Indiana neighborhood, 16 miles north of the Ohio. Here Lincoln gained that famous "fireside education" while he grew up a boy in the woods.

Dennis Hanks gives another clew to that thirst for learning which led Abraham to borrow all the books he could find in the neighborhood. Dennis spoke of Abe's affection for his parents and his obedience and added: "Although anything but an impudent or rude boy, he was sometimes uncomfortably inquisitive. When strangers would ride along or pass by his father's fence he always—either through boyish pride or to tease his father—would be sure to ask the first question."

Stories of Lincoln's humane acts as a man are familiar. He could not bear to see an animal suffer, and he never cared to go hunting game, as so many backwoodsmen did, for sport as well as for food.

In pondering the character of Abraham Lincoln, one invariably lists these traits: Kindness, humaneness, generosity, good humor. Obviously, the boy Lincoln was the father of the man.

Solving the Colonial Riddle

The Way, Here Presented, Might End Internal Land Monopolization at Home, and Administer All Extraterritorial Areas Unselfishly, Opening Them to World Trade

By F. A. W. Lucas, K. C.



THE DEMAND FOR COLONIES is today in the forefront of world questions. On the one hand, we have France, Britain, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Portugal, with huge colonial possessions, each wishing to maintain the status quo. On the other, there are Italy, Germany and Japan, possessing little colonial territory and making it quite plain, even to the extent of war or threats of war, that they insist on getting colonies. In this connection the term "colonies," of course, does not include any of the self-governing Dominions of the British Commonwealth, each of which is juridically an independent nation.

The countries which have colonies, the "Haves," are in an invidious position when called upon to reply to the claims of the "Have-nots." It does not lie in the mouths of the Haves to say that it is in the interests of the inhabitants of their colonies, that they should continue to administer them, because their administration is better than would be that of the Have-nots. The Have-nots are unlikely to accept that as true.

Of very few colonies can it be said that they are administered in the interests of the original inhabitants or even of the newcomers who have settled there. The number of nationals of the possessing country, who settle in its colonies, is relatively insignificant and the actual amount of trade with them is really not important. The persons to whom colonies are a source of income are chiefly those who can profit from the colonies' natural resources and from the work of their peoples.

The main reason advanced to support the claim for colonies is overpopulation. In all the Have and Have-not countries there is an artificially created overpopulation, because in each of them land monopoly prevents the mass of the people from getting access to land.

The reason given by the Japanese for their attack, first on Manchuria and now on North China, is the overpopulation of their country and the poverty of their people. It is claimed that Japan must have foreign outlets for its people. Actually, the density of population in Japan is little more than half that of Belgium and only half that of England.

The "Japan Year Book 1936" shows that one half of the arable land in Japan is owned by 1,000,000 people, that is, about 1½ per cent of the total population, while some 33,000,000 get their living on rented agricultural land; and, of these, 20,000,000 are compelled to try to exist on approximately one acre per household. Not only must they pay a high rent for that small area but they are also heavily taxed. It is this that causes the poverty and all the so-called overcrowding or overpopulation of Japan. The cure for those evils and the lack of markets for the Japanese people lies in their remedying that situation.

"The position in Italy is closely comparable to that of Japan. Overpopulation in Italy was given as the main

reason for the attack by that country on Abyssinia. The Fascist "Annuario Statistico," for the year 1935, published the official Roman statistics concerning the distribution of the soil of Italy. It showed that 2,478,412 Italians possess altogether 15,480,452 hectares of cultivated land; 12,490 Italians, or .6 of 1 per cent of those owners possess 7,049,682 hectares, or 47 per cent of all the cultivated land of Italy, and almost as much as the remaining 2,465,922 Italian agrarian producers put together.

The figures in respect of Germany are quite similar.

In Great Britain, the monopolization of land in the hands of a few is notorious. Twenty-five land owners in Scotland claim to own one third of the whole of Scotland. It was said recently that in one glen, from among the inhabitants of which Wolfe, in the middle of the eighteenth century, raised a whole regiment of fighting men for Quebec, there is now only one family, that of a gamekeeper.

Because of these conditions, there is overcrowding which is purely artificial and wholly unnecessary. They have brought about a state of affairs in which an extension of exploitation of the masses of the people is no longer easily possible in the home land, and the exploiters in each of these European countries and Japan must look abroad for some other people to use for profit.

For the European countries, Africa is the continent where the inhabitants are least able to protect themselves. The greed of each exploiter makes him envy the possessions of the others, and the jealousy inspired by the possession of such opportunities as are presented to them in African colonies makes for strife between them. While these territories are allowed to be held as colonies, a possible cause for disputes between the great Western European nations remains. Especially is this so wherever narrow national rivalry is added to the aggressive commercialism of the individual exploiters.

Do not the facts here set out indicate that there is no need for colonies for any of the European countries or Japan? Each country has ample natural resources to supply its own needs directly from its own soil or by exchanging its products for those of other countries. They do not really need foreign land and the amount of benefit their entire peoples would get in trade, through the mere fact of their owning colonies, is negligible. In every one of those countries, as well as in the Have countries, the home market could be developed enormously, if the people were set free to work for themselves without having to pay heavy rents to their land monopolists.

No one of the Have or Have-not countries has yet shown any sign of willingness to tackle its own internal problem of land monopolization, but each seems willing to risk plunging the world into another war rather than to do so.

The problem, of course, is complicated



Ewing Galloway and Burton Holmes From Ewing Galloway

"HAVES" AND "HAVE-NOTS" IN COLONIAL RESOURCES

Fishermen in Japan's Inland Sea (Directly Above) Have Had a Limited Market for Their Catch, and the Nation, Like Italy and Germany, Is Overpopulated for Its Area. Africa Has Been a Great Colonizing Area for Britain, Belgium, and France, Particularly Moorish Infantry, on the March in French Morocco, Is Shown Across the Top of the Page. These Countries, With the Netherlands, Are Among the "Haves" in Colonial Possessions.

by claims of national prestige. This can only be settled by the Haves giving up their position of superiority as colonial powers and abandoning any claim to possess colonies. Any advantages which it may be claimed accrue to the inhabitants of colonial territories through their connection with the possessing country can be given to them by a united control, similar to that already exercised by the League of Nations over several portions of other countries. The Haves and Have-nots could, from the point of view of prestige, join in helping the present colonial territories to be run in the genuine interest of their inhabitants.

The selfishness which is represented in exploitation and land monopoly, with its resultant trade tariff barriers, will not be surrendered without a great moral struggle. The remedy—apart from the breaking of the power of the internal land monopoly—seems to require a definite decision on the part of the Haves to give up any possessive claims over their colonies, and their agreement that these territories will be administered, as far as possible, by their own inhabitants in their own interest. Where they are unable to carry on that administration unaided, assistance should be given jointly by a committee of nations required to act entirely and without reservation in the interests of the inhabitants of the former colonies. There would have to be complete free trade in those territories.

In so far as the Have countries are

honest in their claims to be holding their colonies in the interest of the local inhabitants, they could raise no logical objection to such a scheme and any opposition to it would reveal the fact that exploitation was the true purpose for which they have held such territories. The Have-nots would, if such a proposal were adopted, cease in the eyes of the world to have any cause for complaint or any ground for claiming colonies. They would have as free a right to trade in the present colonial territories as any of the former Haves. There would be no difference in national prestige based upon the possession of colonies. A beginning would be made in the direction of realizing that the inhabitants of colonies are human beings with rights to freedom and independence as such.

Any one of the Have countries could take the course outlined above without having to wait for any or all of the others to fall into line.

A solution short of that would leave open all the causes of possible conflict and war which at present disturb the world. We cannot hope for peace or justice as long as the Haves and Have-nots are struggling with each other for their own aggrandizement. Justice, and justice alone, will solve this problem and, in solving it, as between the Haves and Have-nots, we shall bring hope and real freedom and capacity to progress to the unhappy and oppressed peoples of the world.

Playwrights Courageous

Many Things Happen to the Aspiring Dramatist Before the Curtain Rises on His Masterpiece, More Things Happen Before It Descends, and Apparently Not All of Them Are Unpleasant

By Eric Forbes-Boyd

MANY REASONS TEMPT the would-be author to open his career with a play. One of the weightiest, I think, is the ease with which the story's setting is dealt with there. In a novel the characters generally move about more, and the action is constantly being suspended while the author does some necessary furnishing and decorating. Nor can this be merely a catalogue: the work has to be done, so to speak, with the reader in the house—not for a moment must he be irritated by crude and too obtrusive operations.

Something like this takes place: "John put his hat and stick down on the old-fashioned horsehair sofa, and stood with his back to the great oak mantelpiece, awaiting with trepidation the coming of Uncle William. The somberness of the paneled room oppressed him, and the squat little bureau in the corner, reflecting the wavering light from the fire, seemed to wink at him with swift, furtive malice"—and so on; while all the time the author is bursting with impatience to bring in Uncle William, and let the fun begin.

For, speaking generally, when action is in abeyance, the novice feels the weight of responsibility on his imagination to be oppressive. He is immediately afraid of being dull. Now with a play not only is something happening all the time—for even a speech is an event—but he can run up his scene at the outset, and be as slapdash as he pleases. "Fire in grate R. Horsehair sofa R. C. Bureau down L., etc."—and there it is, perhaps for the whole play.

Many an ingenious beginner, with leanings toward the "costume" romance, has bethought him, too, that he might save much research by making his attempt a play instead of a novel, and starting off with a comprehensive statement, such as: "The drawing-room is furnished in Early Victorian style, circa 1840. Costumes to match." He has always heard that producers have their own opinions on these matters; and what could be better than to give them carte blanche!

There are other advantages. The play is far shorter than the novel; and as Stevenson once declared, "it is the



IN LONDON'S BRIGHTLY LIGHTED PICCADILLY CIRCUS

length that kills" in a first attempt. In addition, dialogue has a pleasant and familiar aspect; and to write as one speaks appears a less daring venture than to attempt the purveyance of that indefinable magic, a good prose style.

In fact the disadvantages attaching to a play hardly become apparent to the author until the play has been written. Then he needs qualities, of courage and perseverance, far in excess of those required by the novelist. For production is a more remote goal than publication. The cost involved in putting on a play, and hence the desire of managers to minimize their risks; the competition, the necessity of having

the right cast available; and not least, the customary delay, unknown in the publishing world, of getting his manuscript read—all these things conspire against the new playwright.

Again and again it has happened that a play, which has afterwards made a hit, has been upon its travels for years before being accepted. One famous play by a well-known author is reputed to have flown from pigeon-hole to pigeon-hole for 12 years before coming to roost in the West End for a record engagement. Such successes as "Marigold," "Journey's End," and "Ten Minute Alibi" all experienced considerable delay before they were produced; and one could extend the list.

The tyro may undertake this part of his task through an agent, by approaching managers directly, or by getting his manuscript read by an influential actor or actress to whom the "star" part would be likely to appeal.

Assuming that our man has "placed" his effort, he is now in for another trying period. At rehearsals he must submit to the martyrdom of seeing his work altered by others, or, more fortunately, be constrained to alter it himself. Nevertheless he is unlikely to encounter the conditions that exist in the popular imagination: the temperamental leading lady who wants a new scene worked in to give her the opportunity for that particular display of virtuosity for which she is so well known and justly famous, the comedian who thinks up "gags" overnight, in favor of which he cuts your dialogue the next day, the producer who looks upon the author much as the cow regards the gadfly. These are stock characters who are pretty well out of stock today.

The author will find, on the contrary, the most efficient and disciplined co-operation, combined not only with courtesy and consideration to himself, but with a deference to his judgment that, if it be his first contact with the stage, will often embarrass him. Yet, tactfully but firmly, overwhelming reasons for altering his script will be produced. Sometimes the revision will be drastic. There was an occasion, after the second rehearsal of a certain play, when the producer took the author aside, and "You see," he said gently, "we shall have to re-write the whole play." He was right, and they did it—in a couple of nights!

Perhaps, though, the greatest of the playwright's trials is the fact that in the course of rehearsal his play is apt to lose, for him, all significance. The lines become unendurably stale; the jokes, echoing gloomily through the empty auditorium, recoil upon his head

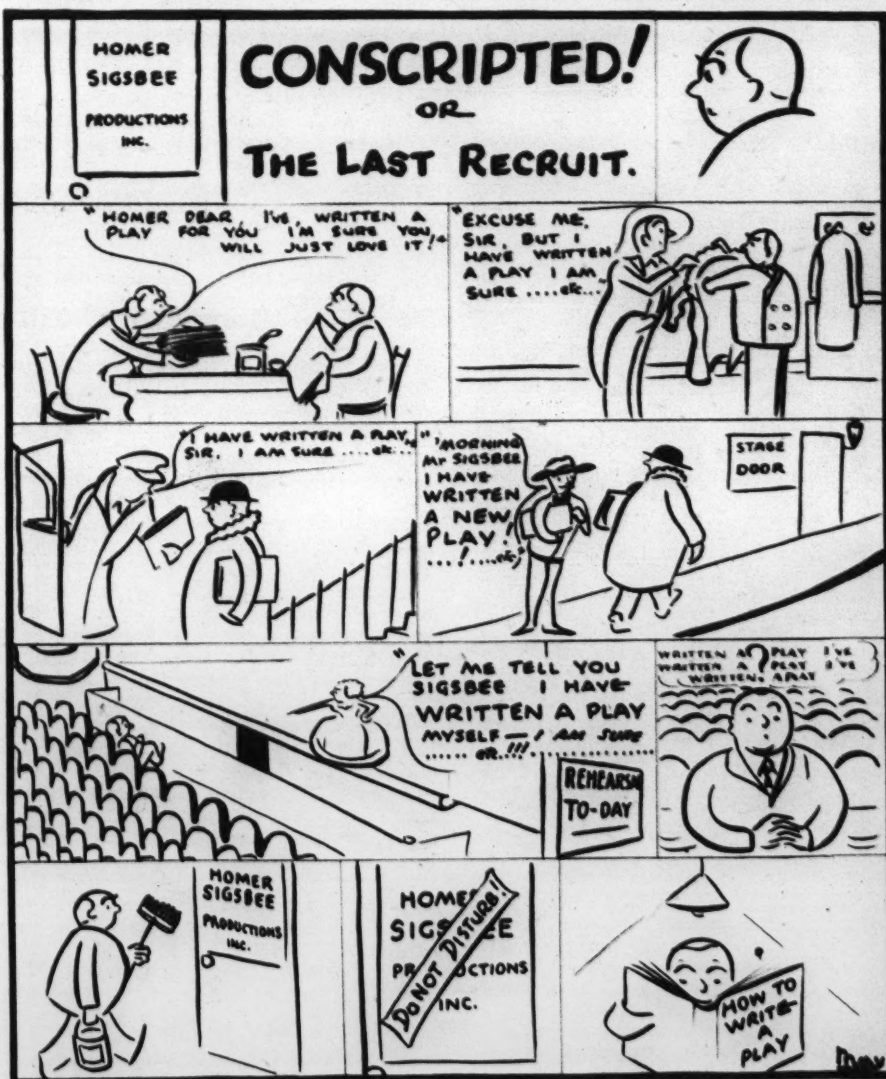
with cruel and ironic persistence; and the mutter and movement of the players is but an owlishly solemn ritual whose meaning has long since become obscure. Nothing "comes over" quite as he had expected, effects are lost, or are subtly distorted, and it is difficult for him to see how it has happened. He has not the technical knowledge to make recommendations, and, picturing the first night, he feels himself another Frankenstein. It is with amazement and gratitude that he fails to detect any sign of consternation in the bearing of the cast and the producer.

And so comes the opening night, which, whatever the critics may say of it on the morning after, is nearly always, in the case of a first play, an astounding success to the playwright. He can scarcely believe his ears when the first laugh ripples through the house, and is no less moved by the attentive silence that greets his serious scenes. For the first time he dares to contemplate that final ordeal, his speech—but only in the intervals. At other times he watches entranced, while a play of which he had given up hope comes to life.

Financially, there is considerable difference between the possibilities, or at any rate the probabilities, held out by a novel and by a play. Seldom does it happen that a first novel is a great success, whereas in the case of a play that occurs comparatively often.

A first novel that has been moderately successful in Britain, will yield £300 or £400. The average for first novels generally must be somewhere between £50 and £100. On the other hand, a moderately successful play that runs for, say, three months in London's West End may quite well bring in £1000 or even more, in royalties, with the possibility of touring, amateur, American, and Continental rights, and with better chance than the novel of being made into a film. Naturally, royalties, although they are calculated on the gross takings of the theater and are not affected by the expenses, are dependent on a number of variable factors: there are good and bad contracts from the author's point of view, there are large and small theaters, and "moderately successful" is capable of wide interpretation.

Once he has read the criticisms of his play, the author may look for no further shocks, until he encounters "Last Week" pasted across the boards in front of the theater. Even if his play is made into a film, he will not have to fight his battles over again; for he will usually find it too difficult to get on the battlefield—except as a spectator.



Labor Compacts: Promise or Problem?

Interstate Agreements, Such as Recently Legalized, Will Affect Wages, Working Conditions, and Other Matters, Presumably to the General Advantage of Employer, Employee, and Public

By Ethel M. Johnson

OF LARGE SIGNIFICANCE in its potential influence on the future course of labor legislation is the little-heralded action of the Seventy-fifth Congress during the closing days of the session in giving its consent to the Minimum Wage Compact negotiated in 1934 by seven northeastern states. This compact—the first interstate agreement in the field of labor legislation in the history of the country—provides for establishment in the compacting states of minimum wage-fixing machinery of the mandatory fair wage type.

Action on the resolution providing Congressional sanction for the compact, introduced in the Seventy-fourth Congress by Congressman Tobey of New Hampshire, was delayed through uncertainty as to the constitutionality of minimum wage legislation. The measure had passed the House in 1936, when the United States Supreme Court invalidated the New York Fair Wage Law—an act of the kind stipulated in the compact.

After the favorable opinion of the Court in March of the present year upholding the Washington State Minimum Wage Law, the bill was passed by both branches of Congress. It was signed on Aug. 12 by President Roosevelt. That action validates the compact and makes it effective between the states that have already ratified it and in any other states as soon as they take the required action. The Minimum Wage Compact has been ratified by the Legislatures of three of the seven signatory states—Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

Perhaps the question arises—What is an interstate compact? What is its object? How does it work? Why is the consent of Congress necessary? And what is the significance of an interstate agreement on labor legislation?

Tucked away in the Constitution of the United States is a provision, unfamiliar to many, which reads as follows: "No state shall enter into a treaty, alliance or confederation. . . . No state shall without the consent of Congress enter into any agreement or compact with another state." Thus, indirectly, the constitutional basis for the compact is established. The compact, therefore, is a device which may be utilized between the states subject to congressional approval. It is a formal con-

tract, binding in effect, permanent in nature and involving a continuing obligation.

Doubtless originally intended as a check on too great independence on the part of the "sovereign" states, this requirement for congressional sanction serves to give federal support in making the compact effective as well as in safeguarding the legitimate interests of noncompacting states and guarding against unwise action or any encroachment in the field of federal powers. Interstate compacts go back to an agreement in 1620 in the cabin of the Mayflower. And the form of government of the United States rests on a famous compact signed in 1787, known as the Constitution.

Although interstate compacts have been employed for many years, in the past they have been utilized mainly to adjust problems of a physical nature between two or more states. They have been used in settling boundary disputes, in arranging for joint control of interstate bridges or bodies of water in which several states claimed rights.

Only recently has attempt been made to apply the compact method to the broad field of labor and social welfare legislation. Such utilization of interstate compacts was discussed by the Eastern Interstate Conference on Labor Legislation, which met in Massachusetts in January, 1933. A committee, under the chairmanship of Governor John G. Winant of New Hampshire, now Assistant Director of the International Labor Office, was appointed to look into the possibilities of the compact device in raising and unifying labor standards between the states.

Senator Henry Parkman Jr. and Representative Christian Herter of Massachusetts introduced into the Legislature about this time a resolution, adopted the same year, creating the Massachusetts Commission on Interstate Compacts Affecting Labor and Industries. This commission was authorized to negotiate with similar commissions in the other New England states and with New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for the purpose of securing greater uniformity in the labor laws of those states and assuring more adequate standards of protection for wage earners.

Similar commissions or delegations

were appointed by the Governors of the other states mentioned. These commissions, meeting in conference, constituted the Interstate Conference on Labor Compacts. The program adopted by the Interstate Conference called for drafting and negotiating interstate agreements on such matters as minimum wage, child labor, hours of employment, night work, industrial home work, workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance, and industrial safety standards.

The first compact drafted by the Interstate Conference was that on minimum wage-fixing machinery. This compact was signed in Concord, New Hampshire, on May 29, 1934, by commissioners and representatives of the Governors of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Pennsylvania. Selection of the place for the ceremony was in recognition of the services of Governor Winant in promoting minimum wage legislation and in the development of the interstate compact movement.

The Minimum Wage Compact was ratified on June 30, 1934, by the Massachusetts Legislature, which at the same session enacted the legislation required to meet its terms. New Hampshire, which already had a minimum fair wage law, ratified the compact the following year. Rhode Island took similar action in 1936 and also in that year enacted legislation to meet the requirements of the compact. The Congressional consent recently given brings the compact into effect between these three states.

Congressional approval of the Minimum Wage Compact is particularly significant at the present time in view of the renewed interest in minimum wage legislation following the recent favorable opinion of the United States Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of such legislation. Nearly half of the states now have minimum wage laws—22 in addition to the District of Columbia and the Territory of Puerto Rico. Ten of these laws are of the type specified in the compact—those of Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

Under the compact each state must

set up an unpaid tripartite commission representing industry, labor and the public. The chairman of these state commissions will constitute an Interstate Commission, to which the President will be invited by the Governors of the compacting states to appoint a representative. This Interstate Commission will be empowered to investigate matters involving the compact and the laws which implement it. Its powers are limited to conducting inquiries, making recommendations and publishing the reports of its findings and recommendations to the states.

A state wishing to withdraw from the compact would be permitted to do so on meeting certain conditions, involving notifying the Interstate Commission and waiting for a specified time. Any state may at any time become a party to the compact by taking the necessary action required in ratifying.

Each state, in ratifying the compact, pledges that it will enact legislation to establish and maintain the minimum standards specified. It also promises that it will make provision for the continuing State Commission required and for enforcement and supervision of the operation of the laws relating to the compact and the laws enacted to make it effective. These provisions would be included in any labor compact.

In addition to this, the Minimum Wage Compact prohibits the payment of an unfair or oppressive wage. It provides for an administrative agency in each state with authority to investigate the wages of women and minors; to appoint wage boards upon which employers, employees and the public shall be equally represented; to enter wage orders after a public hearing based on the recommendations of the wage boards, such orders to be directory—that is, recommendatory—for a definite period, after which they may be made mandatory and carry a penalty for non-compliance.

The type of minimum wage legislation provided for in the compact, it should be understood, does not fix a specific minimum rate; but instead establishes machinery by which the individual state may, through the agency of wage boards for separate occupations, set up minimum fair wage rates for women and minors in those occupations. This will not necessarily result in identical minimum rates in the different signatory states.

Increasingly the problems of regulating labor and industrial conditions transcend state lines. The potential sphere of action of the Federal Government, it is true, has been vastly extended by recent interpretations by the courts; there are still, however, limitations. Difficulties inherent in the federal approach are exemplified in the fate of the Fair Labor Standards Bill in the first session of the Seventy-fifth Congress; and in the earlier invalidation of the N. I. R. A. Regional divergencies continue to present obstacles in the way of national labor legislation.

It should be understood that the interstate labor compact is not a substitute for state labor laws or for federal measures. The compact, as applied to labor legislation, sets up certain minimum standards between the states. It is not intended to take the place of legislative action by the separate states or by the Federal Government.

Perhaps the chief contribution of the interstate labor compact movement will be its educational value. If the movement succeeds in directing public attention within the states to the weak spots, the gaps and omissions in their labor laws, and to the need for more adequate standards of protection for labor in the interest of employers, employees and the public; if it forces recognition of the importance to all sections of the country of greater harmony in the labor laws of the various states; and if it further results in a determination to secure greater uniformity in these laws—then, regardless of the methods employed to bring about the changes, it will have served a useful purpose.

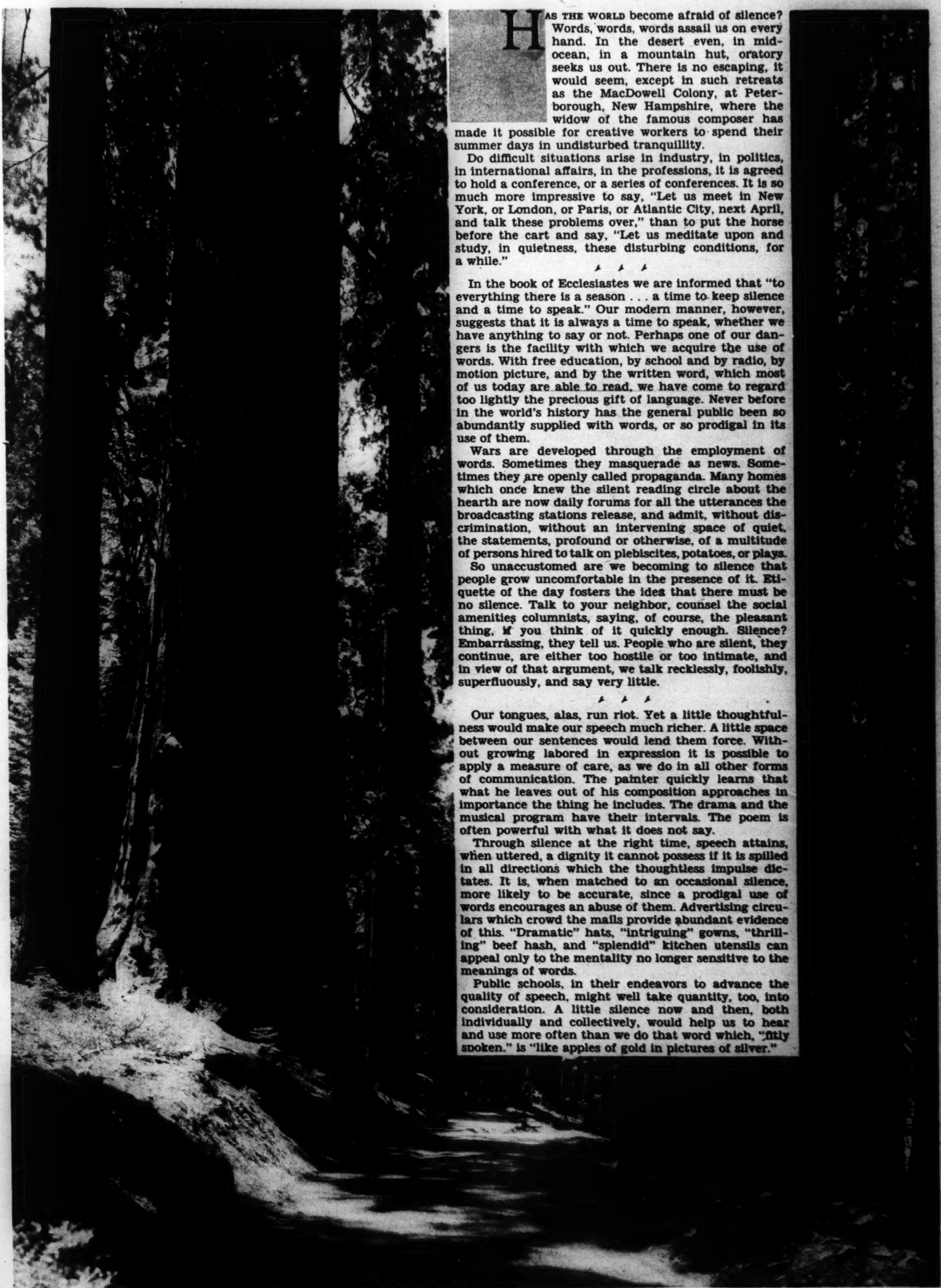


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James Sawders

A LITTLE SILENCE

By Pearl Strachan



HAS THE WORLD become afraid of silence? Words, words, words assail us on every hand. In the desert even, in mid-ocean, in a mountain hut, oratory seeks us out. There is no escaping, it would seem, except in such retreats as the MacDowell Colony, at Peterborough, New Hampshire, where the widow of the famous composer has

made it possible for creative workers to spend their summer days in undisturbed tranquillity.

Do difficult situations arise in industry, in politics, in international affairs, in the professions, it is agreed to hold a conference, or a series of conferences. It is so much more impressive to say, "Let us meet in New York, or London, or Paris, or Atlantic City, next April, and talk these problems over," than to put the horse before the cart and say, "Let us meditate upon and study, in quietness, these disturbing conditions, for a while."

In the book of Ecclesiastes we are informed that "to everything there is a season . . . a time to keep silence and a time to speak." Our modern manner, however, suggests that it is always a time to speak, whether we have anything to say or not. Perhaps one of our dangers is the facility with which we acquire the use of words. With free education, by school and by radio, by motion picture, and by the written word, which most of us today are able to read, we have come to regard too lightly the precious gift of language. Never before in the world's history has the general public been so abundantly supplied with words, or so prodigal in its use of them.

Wars are developed through the employment of words. Sometimes they masquerade as news. Sometimes they are openly called propaganda. Many homes which once knew the silent reading circle about the hearth are now daily forums for all the utterances the broadcasting stations release, and admit, without discrimination, without an intervening space of quiet, the statements, profound or otherwise, of a multitude of persons hired to talk on plebiscites, potatoes, or plays.

So unaccustomed are we becoming to silence that people grow uncomfortable in the presence of it. Etiquette of the day fosters the idea that there must be no silence. Talk to your neighbor, counsel the social amenities columnists, saying, of course, the pleasant thing, if you think of it quickly enough. Silence? Embarrassing, they tell us. People who are silent, they continue, are either too hostile or too intimate, and in view of that argument, we talk recklessly, foolishly, superfluously, and say very little.

Our tongues, alas, run riot. Yet a little thoughtfulness would make our speech much richer. A little space between our sentences would lend them force. Without growing labored in expression it is possible to apply a measure of care, as we do in all other forms of communication. The painter quickly learns that what he leaves out of his composition approaches in importance the thing he includes. The drama and the musical program have their intervals. The poem is often powerful with what it does not say.

Through silence at the right time, speech attains, when uttered, a dignity it cannot possess if it is spilled in all directions which the thoughtless impulse dictates. It is, when matched to an occasional silence, more likely to be accurate, since a prodigal use of words encourages an abuse of them. Advertising circulars which crowd the mails provide abundant evidence of this. "Dramatic" hats, "intriguing" gowns, "thrilling" beef hash, and "splendid" kitchen utensils can appeal only to the mentality no longer sensitive to the meanings of words.

Public schools, in their endeavors to advance the quality of speech, might well take quantity, too, into consideration. A little silence now and then, both individually and collectively, would help us to hear and use more often than we do that word which, "fitly spoken," is "like apples of gold in pictures of silver."



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PLANES ON THE PLAINS

The Old-Time Cowhand Looks on With Interest as Plans Are Laid for a Flight in Search of Outlaw Horses. The Round-Up of Cattle, as Shown Across the Top of the Page, Also Is Being Modified by the Use of Planes

THE COWBOY'S TOP HORSE today is an airplane. This "old faithful" of the modern ranch rounds up wild horses, locates the stray calves, rides fences, brings buyers, rushes emergency supplies and, when business is done, takes the owner out for diversion.

Harry Minor of Hyannis, Nebraska, was one of the first to begin it a decade ago, when he went home from the state university to show his dad, who had been a cattle king since the days of the Texas trail, how a ranch ought to be run. With a couple of oil barrels he marked off a landing field on the side of a sand hill, bought a cabin ship, and the old place began to hum.

Tom Arnold, operator of the 100,000-acre XU Ranch in northwestern Nebraska and South Dakota, bought one, too. So did Leonard Keys, another prince of the prairies. And Oliver Wallop, son of Lord Wallop, the Earl of Portsmouth, who passed up British tea parties to chase cows at Big Horn, Wyoming, uses a plane continuously in his ranch operations.

One stockman and rancher of Pitchfork, Wyoming, who is an amateur photographer and nature student as well, shows 'em how to have real sport aloft. On the vast Pitchfork Ranch, in the Big Horn Basin country of Wyoming, some 4000 pronghorn antelope live and glory in exhibitions of speed. No legs can outrun theirs. Perhaps no other animal has such an inquiring mind.

When this rancher and his friends sail out over one of these herds in a plane, the antelope look up in astonishment. Then they begin to run, as they never have run before, without once taking their eyes off the strange bird overhead. Thus while fleeing at mile-a-minute speed, they obligingly look right into the flying cameras.

Flying from Lincoln to Hyannis, Nebraska, one night, Harry Minor and a companion saw that the exhaust pipe running alongside the cockpit had set the plane afire. They dived into a pasture, grabbed the extinguisher, and had it out in no time. Then, with a few bits



RIDING CIRCLE IN MODERN FASHION

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Charles J. Belden, Manager of the Pitchfork Ranch at Pitchfork, Wyoming, and Author of the Accompanying Article, Is Ready to Take Off for an Inspection of the Mountain Cattle Range in the Background

of wire and wood borrowed from a nearby fence, they did the necessary repairing and flew on home.

Some ranchers pilot their own planes, others hire chauffeurs. Plenty of young fellows will leap at a chance to be a cow pilot, sharing the cowboys' bunkhouse, and working with the other hands when there's no flying to be done.

Dudes are as out of place in the air as on bronchos' backs in this new vocation. At Alliance, Nebraska, the boys boast that they use a log chain for a wind sock, and they say they're willing to fly as long as the chain is standing straight out—only when it begins snapping the links off the end of the chain do they advise remaining on the ground.

More accurate testimony as to sand-hill wind comes from Bill Manning, a cow pilot who made a record run from Belle Fourche, South Dakota, to Hyannis, Nebraska, in a ship with a cruising speed of only 75 miles an hour. He noticed the towns slipping along below pretty fast, but he was so busy keeping his suitcase from coming down onto his head from its place behind the seat, while the plane bounced around like a kite, that he didn't have time to make many calculations. Later, he discovered that he had traveled 250 miles in one hour and twenty minutes, which means that his 75-mile-per-hour plane was going 180 miles an hour, thanks to the strength of the tail wind.

Out in the mountain country, flying is a valuable aid to the man whose

wealth is scattered through those nooks and crannies. Modern ranchers deal in terms of thousands, whether it be acres, cattle, sheep or antelope. Much of the property often lies far away from headquarters, yet the rancher must be constantly in touch with it in all kinds of weather.

Take the Arnold property, for instance. Headquarters are in South Dakota, but much of the grazing land is down in Nebraska, between Niobrara and the Snake River. In addition to 35,-

000 acres which he owns, Tom Arnold leases thousands more from the Indians. He also runs cattle on a near-by government forest reserve. About 46 head find pasture on each section of land in this vast domain. Some of these animals graze in such remote places that an armed guard must still be kept to prevent rustlers making away with them.

It's no small responsibility keeping track of so much territory, so many cowhands, such big herds. But if saddles, branding irons, spools of barbed wire, or any other items are needed down in Nebraska, the boss can send a cowhand flying with them from the home place in South Dakota in no time at all. Personally, he can supervise the work in a dozen different places. The plane, throughout the spring and summer, enables him to see to it that wells are kept going, fences repaired, and calves looked after.

"We always get a good calf crop," boasts Tom's son and pilot, Eddie Arnold. "We never get less than an 85 per cent crop, which is about 3000 calves." Maintaining such a record would be exceptionally difficult from a saddle; it's not so strenuous from a cockpit.

In the fall, when the cattle are ready for market, the plane again pays dividends. The big western ranchers sell nearly all of their livestock to small farmers, who buy the range-fed animals and fatten them up on milk and corn for the market. In the old days, these cattle were shipped to a central market

PARDNERS OF THE RANGE

The Airplane Is Definitely Taking Its Place in the West as an Aid to the Cowboy and His Pony

and there re-sold to a feeder. This involved considerable shrinkage in the animals themselves, and there was also a middleman's fee to be paid.

Now, Tom Arnold and his pilot can hop into the plane, fly five or six hundred miles to Iowa, and bring back three or four prospective buyers in a single day. They show these farmer-guests the stock on the hoof, and sell it to them on the spot. Then they ship it direct to the feeder. The whole business is not only done faster, it's more profitable.

In the winter, too, the plane has an advantage over the cowboy's beloved pony. After a heavy snow, cattle often become caught in pockets of the hills and mountains. Finding them on horseback may take too long. From a plane,

Boys of the Prairie

Purposes on Big Ranches, Where Wings Can Speed the Distance, and Bring Cattle Buyers to the Range

Charles J. Belden



the desert areas with orders to go wherever feed can be found. After a week or ten days the owner may not have the slightest idea where the sheep are located. A plane can run them down in a few hours, whereas it might take several days by any other mode of travel.

During the severe winter of 1936-37, one John Henderson, shepherd of Cody, Wyoming, region, was rescued by Cowboy Pilot Bill Monday. Henderson had been lost in a blizzard for three days and was exhausted from exposure when he was brought in by Pilot Monday in his big cabin plane.

Commuting to the city is now made easy. Harry Minor flew back and forth between the University of Nebraska campus and his home in Hyannis; Eddie Arnold used to do the same between Creighton University, in Omaha, and South Dakota.

This advantage appeals particularly to the womenfolk. Neva Minor, wife of Harry, took flying lessons along with her husband. And even though the rancher's wife may not care to do her own piloting, she almost certainly will want to borrow the ship to go shopping. From the Belden place in Wyoming, for instance, it is 175 miles to Billings, Montana. A trip there and back by train takes three days, but Mrs. Belden can go and get back the same day by air.

Many of the biggest ranches nowadays are owned by men who do not live on them, and these men, too, are often

man and cousin of the merchant, is another regular patron of the commercial fliers. He has his own ranch in California, and last fall Belden shipped a few of his choice young antelope out to the Brandeis place by air. Although they are extremely delicate creatures, and difficult to ship by rail, they survived the flight in fine fettle.

So picturesque is ranch life that outsiders often overlook its business side. Successful cattlemen must be more than good riders and good shots, they must be expert buyers, managers and salesmen. They must have the same kind of skill and judgment that an executive of any other commercial enterprise needs.

They have the added handicap of being far away from their principal markets. A plane helps overcome this difficulty. Suppose a Wyoming rancher has urgent business in San Francisco. It takes him three days to get there by railroad. By air, he can have breakfast at home and lunch on Market Street. And he can get back on the job just as quickly, when his business is transacted.

Nor do easterners realize how many big business men of this sort there are in the West. Hyannis, Nebraska, a tiny village in the sandhills which is home to many old-time ranchers, boasted a few years ago that it had the largest per capita wealth of any town in the United States. And if it weren't for the absence of grass, which won't grow in that sand, one might mistake this hamlet for the fashionable suburb of an eastern city.

Airplanes, of course, will never take

the place of cow ponies for ranch work, but recently two planes were used to assist in rounding up a herd of wild horses in the country that was once ridden by Buffalo Bill. This particular herd of horses had ranged for years in a rough badlands region and had defied all efforts of cowboys and riders to bring them into corrals. Finally, the local stockmen arranged with Bill Monday to fly over this rough country and chase the horses down to the flats, where large corrals were built.

The roar of airplane motors swooping through rough canyons started the horses down over dry washes and arroyos toward the open country, where riders waited to pick them up and haze them into corrals. The horses, however, soon discovered that the airplanes were not giant birds with sharp claws and, in order to keep them moving toward the open corral, the "flying cowboys" had to bank their planes low over the backs of the running animals. The aerial round-up provided many thrills both to the aviators and to the few mounted cowboys waiting for the bands of horses to emerge from the mouths of the canyons. A corralful of snorting horses at the end of the round-up attested to the practical success of this modern aid to the old-fashioned method for capturing these outlaw mustangs.

When even these conservative veterans of the range cattle and sheep game take to the air, it is to be expected that the coming generation will include not dozens but hundreds of flying cowboys.



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flying low, such animals can be spotted quickly, and feed can be dropped for them. Frequently, too, planes can get through with food or other supplies for men and beasts when roads are impassable.

Sheep men have been converted to flying, too. Often a shepherd and his flock will be sent from headquarters in

aviation devotees. George Brandeis, Omaha's biggest retail merchant, for example, owns a big tract of land near Valentine, Nebraska, in the opposite end of the State from his store and home. Several times a year, A. R. "Barney" Burnham, Omaha instructor and commercial pilot, takes him out and back.

E. John Brandeis, millionaire sports-



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But Both Reach the Summer Cattle Range, High in the Mountain Country, and Co-operate to Accomplish Their Work in the Most Efficient Way. Here the Cowboy and the Cow Pilot Talk Over the Plane. Note the Ranch Brands on the Motor Ring. The Top Brand Is the "Pitchfork" Brand, Which Also Appears on the Horse

Among the New Books

So in Spain It's the People

Invertebrate Spain, by José Ortega y Gasset. London: Allan & Unwin. 7s. 6d. New York: Norton. \$2.75.

Wars of Ideas in Spain, by José Castillejo. London: John Murray. 6s.

Catalonia Infelix, by E. Allison Peers. London: Methuen, 10s. 6d.

ONE THING that has struck the foreign student of Spain for centuries is the complete alienation of the masses of the people from the ruling minority. In other countries of the western world one may respect the masses, scorn them or pity them; but it is to their leaders that one turns for the flower, however small, of their national civilization and culture. In Spain this is not so. Over and over again in Spain one finds minorities which, even when they are worthy—and they usually are not—prove to be out of touch with the vital sources of their country. The real creative capacity is in the common people. They alone have done all the things that are worth doing.

Whether the reason for this is congenital or political, there is no doubt that it is at the bottom of the chronic ineffectualness of the Spanish state. As Don José Ortega y Gasset says in one of the essays of "Invertebrate Spain," published as long ago as 1921 in Spain and only just translated:

English colonization was the planned and deliberate action of minorities, either in companies having a business basis, or banded together in a chosen group which sought for lands beyond the sea, where they could worship God to their own liking. In Spanish colonization, however, it was the "pueblo," the common people themselves, who, without conscious design, without directors, without deliberate tactics, engendered

other peoples. Both the greatness and the misery of our colonization stem from this. Our "pueblo," our common people, did all they have done—populated, cultivated, sang, wept and loved. But they could not give the new nations what they themselves did not have—discipline from above, a live culture, a progressive civilization.

For these qualities, abundant elsewhere, sparse in their own country, Spanish writers have often had a vehement desire which is halted halfway by skepticism. In Don José's celebrated attempt to analyze the will-lessness of Spain, one may note, amid the sparkle of dramatic generalization and paradox, the same contradiction. He wants and he doesn't want. But this is a book which must not be missed. Like all the best Spanish minds, he is continuously stimulating.

Ortega is, to some extent, one of the diverse products of that educational and intellectual revival in Spain which owed so much to the ideas of Don Francisco Giner de los Rios. Very little has been written about this great man and the work of his disciples; yet here was a very valuable attempt, peaceable and instructed, to educate a spiritually and intellectually fit minority. The Institución, the famous Junta para ampliación de Estudios e investigaciones científicas and the Escuela Internacional were, before the civil war, the least spectacular but most hopeful nucleus in Spain. Don José Castillejo, the most distinguished of this group, sets their history against a rapid survey of the history of ideas in Spain. This small book, written in exile by a man who has seen his life work destroyed by the war, is a testimony of what we mean by a civilized mind.

And now to politics. Professor Allison Peers has written a concise and useful history of Catalan nationalism. Like other Spanish regions, but more strongly, Catalonia has for centuries been struggling for varying degrees of freedom from the central government of Spain. Under the Republic, that freedom was practically in its hands; after the civil war, Professor Peers believes, whoever wins, freedom will be lost. Not only is General Franco a totalitarian centralizer, he says (which is true), but the Catalan anarcho-syndicalists, despite their passion for decentralization, are

enemies of nationalism of the modern industrial, patriotic type.

The effectiveness of the latter part of this argument depends on having a low opinion of the acts and intentions of the Valencia government; and Professor Peers, though he tries hard to conceal it, is considerably prejudiced on emotional grounds against Valencia. This is clear in the latter part of his book, which describes events in Barcelona since the civil war. It is not that he has openly violated the facts, but he fails to give the whole of the living background and the due perspective. The result is useful material, but also dullness, inadequacy and an air of impartiality which does not bear investigation.

V. S. PRITCHETT

Epic of a Kingdom

Tale of Bali, by Vicki Baum. Translated from the German by Basil Creighton. New York: Doubleday, Doran. \$2.75.

THE REGIMENTED TOURIST who visits the island of Bali for a day or so usually learns little more about the actual character of the island and its people than does the armchair traveler at home, who is subjected to the increasing tide of dihyrambic literature purporting to describe Bali. Vicki Baum's newest book, "Tale of Bali," includes much that is already familiar regarding some of the highly flavored anecdotal material, but because the book as a whole goes much deeper than this, it is of definite value to anyone desirous of gaining a true picture of the island.

Volumes have been written about the vast scope of Dutch colonization, which began its own golden age in 1602 with the formation of the Dutch East India Company. From that time, the keels of the great Dutch mariners found their way to ports all over the world, but the ramifications of their dominion in eastern waters remained among their most important undertakings. In the first decade of the present century, Dutch officials in the East were still extending the scope of their operations, bringing the last of the Balinese provinces under their control. "Tale of Bali" deals with the years 1904-1906, covering the events leading up to the conquest of Badoeng, when the lords of Bali made their last stand against the Dutch colonizers.

The story of these two crucial years provides a unifying thread for the action, but the greater part of the book presents a picture of Bali which is as true to-day as it has ever been, for it deals with the customs, ideals, and everyday life of the people. Many books and articles stress the extraordinary superstitions and the child-like simplicity of the natives, but Miss Baum's picture of them includes in addition intimate glimpses of their home life, their labor in the rice fields, the complicated social structure of the communities, the cock-fighting, the festivals and cremations, the sybaritic courts of the rajahs. In such a diversified and

The Hurricane's Children: Tales From Your Neck o' the Woods, by Carl Carmer. Illustrations by Elizabeth Black Carmer. New York: Farrar and Rinehart. \$2.

AMERICANS are just beginning to discover that they have an indigenous folklore of their own. They were so close to it that they had to put their backs against the wall of the present, push hard almost to the verge of the future, then look through the wrong end of a telescope, to see it. Like many of the national characteristics, it is the product of the frontier, the pioneer past. The Ohio River gave us Mike Fink, greatest of keel-boatmen. From Tennessee came the backwoodsman, Davy

Crockett. Johnny Appleseed of fragrant memory was born in Massachusetts, but planted his apple seeds throughout the Ohio Valley. The lumbering industry which mowed down the virgin forests to build the houses of a population which doubled every decade gave us Paul Bunyan. Hero of a hundred logging myths, he moved west with the industry, from Maine to Michigan to Wisconsin to Minnesota to Oregon, dragging his famous blue ox, Babe, behind him. And out of the era of railroad building sprang, hammer in hand, John Henry, master steel driver, greatest of the Negro folk heroes. Most of these are historical figures about whom legends have gathered, are still gathering, as they gathered about the historical King Arthur who held back the Germans.

In this book Mr. Carmer, of "Stars Fell on Alabama" fame, has written what he calls an "American Giant Book." He started out to write a book which he thought he would call American fairy stories, but so compelling is the tradition of the tall tale in American folk story that his book turned into a giant book. One does not easily transform heroes who ride the sun and stars and scratch their heads with lightning into what the Irish call "the little people." He writes of Mike Fink and John Henry and Johnny Appleseed and Paul Bunyan and others like them; and he covers the country from Nantucket in the east to Arizona and Oregon on the west.

If you would introduce yourself to a rich assortment of American folk heroes, or start others, young or old, on that expansive track, here's the book with which to do it. In Mr. Carmer those heroes find a chronicler worthy of their overflowing abundance and prodigality. As testimony that we are in the process of discovering American folklore, I should like to exhibit the evidence of Mr. Carmer's bibliography. Of the 24 source books he lists, only three or four were published before 1924, 11 in the 1930's.

HORACE REYNOLDS

A Memorial to A. E. H.

Alfred Edward Housman. Recollections by Katharine E. Symons, A. W. Pollard, Laurence Housman, R. W. Chambers, Alan Ker, A. S. F. Gow, John Sparrow. New York: Holt. \$2.50.

THIS INFORMAL little book, made up of contributions by many hands, will be welcomed by all lovers of Housman's verse, for it reveals a little of the life of a man who was extraordinarily reserved and chary of explicit self-revelation. A good contribution to impossible scenes would be A. E. H. autographing copies of "The Shropshire Lad" and "Later Poems" in some department store for all the curious to see. The public should know that in buying this book it is getting not only memoirs illustrated by pictures of Housman and Housmanians; it is also contributing to a fund which may some day send another Housman up from his school, Bromsgrove, to Oxford or Cambridge.

Mrs. Symons, A. E. H.'s sister, writes intimately of Housman's boyhood in Fockbury, a village two miles from Bromsgrove. She tells of his delight in the Worcestershire countryside, the solitary walking of which was his chief recreation. She prints some of his early boyish rhyming; she writes of his relations with his brothers and sisters, of his personal appearance, of his homesickness for his own shire, when,

in 1882, he went up to London to work in the Patent Office.

A. W. Pollard describes Housman's years at Cambridge, where they were fellow-students. He tells us that A. E. H.'s favorite English poet in those days was Matthew Arnold, his favorite novelist, Thomas Hardy. It was Pollard who suggested the felicitous change of title from "The Poems of Terence Hearsay" to "The Shropshire Lad," a change to which Housman readily agreed, and well he might. Laurence Housman writes of the appearance of the little book of poems. Macmillan refused it, George Meredith showed little liking for it, America received it with enthusiasm. R. W. Chambers remembers A. E. H.'s years as professor of Latin at University College, London; Alan Ker appraises Housman's work as a scholar; Mr. Gow writes of Housman's years at Cambridge, where, in 1911, he was elected to the chair of Latin; John Sparrow writes of the verse which we all know. In all, an informing memorial to a proud, lonely man, written, as he would have had it, with restraint and dignity.

R. M. H.

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Ninette de Valois Issues an Invitation to the Ballet

Invitation to the Ballet, by Ninette de Valois. London: The Bodley Head. 12s. 6d. net. New York: Oxford University Press. \$5.

EVEN FROM the exceptionally gifted, art demands, before it reveals its secrets, a more or less severe training. In other words, its messages have to be paid for. Yet how many people go to concerts, the opera, and art galleries, expecting to get something for nothing? This untrained, "get-rich-quick" public abounds at the ballet, which, of all art forms, provides the best entertainment value. But it demands a knowledge of at least three different arts.

During the last few years, literature on the ballet has so multiplied that no reviewer now hears the postman's knock without a certain misgiving. Experience has taught him to expect the usual book with charming Degas-like photographs of dancers offset by a letter-press, the enthusiastic ignorance of which must startle even the flattered subjects of the pictures. Fortunately for the author, although his ears may burn, the opinions of choreographers, in-

ventors, producers and directors of ballet on this type of book rarely ever reach print—which is seemly. When Karsavina wrote her autobiography, "Theater Street," first published in 1930, she set a standard impossible for

the dilettante—whom the dictionary rather rudely defines as "smatterer, one who toys with subject or concentrates on nothing."

There could be no better corrective of the amateur balleto-

mane's point of view than "Invitation to the Ballet." Ninette de Valois, who, in spite of her name, is Irish, is not only head of the only permanent English Ballet—the Vic-Wells—but the choreographer of at least three ballets of major importance. Very fittingly, she begins her book with a couple of chapters, headed "Genesis," on Diaghileff and his company. As she herself was a member of the company for two years (1923-25), and danced with it later on several occasions, we are given a vivid, inside picture of its everyday history at that period.

There used to be an idea—it may still persist—that the artist is a vague, dreamy creature who, so far as practical affairs are concerned, doesn't know enough to come in out of the rain. Miss de Valois is certainly not that kind of artist. To every phase of her subject she brings a keen practical intelligence and a gift of analysis that might well be envied by a critic, particularly the critic of ballet. In fact, in a chapter called "Two Angels of Criticism" she provides him with a table of analysis which solves the ever-recurring problems raised by two conflicting forms of criticism. The ballet critic is chiefly interested in the dance and thus fails to see the relation of the part to the whole, while to the music critic with his special training, the whole is more important than the part. It is pointed out, however, that the

choreographer's first approach to the work is his introduction to the music; therefore the music critic's basic method of criticism is precisely the same basic method as that used in the structure.

But crammed into these 300 or so pages is material enough for several books, and an embarrassed reviewer soon discovers that, to do his job adequately, he would have to write a separate review for every chapter. The one on "The Choreographer," for example, reminds us that Fokine, Massine, Nijinska, and Balanchine are still the paramount figures, "which means that within the last 14 years no one of any importance has emerged from the ranks of the major choreographic source—the Russian Ballet." This is scarcely a good omen for the future. But "today's drum-tapping, leaping dervishes from Central Europe," the abstractionists, the modern German and the modern American schools, will not enjoy the author's analysis of their aesthetics. Even their "new" is but an insignificant part of the old and their work is based on "a destruction of rather than an evolution from what has gone before." Like Karsavina, Miss de Valois points out that the classically trained choreographer can successfully employ the methods of the German school in production, "while the same cannot be said for the German choreographer (or, for that matter, the German executant), in face of the classical principles."

But enough has been said to direct the reader's attention to the best book on ballet since "Theater Street." By studying it and getting a better conception of ballet as a whole, he will have taken an important step in a training which, in its way, is as necessary to the spectator as it is to the artist. W. H. H. S.



Georges Duhamel, Author of "The Pasquier Chronicles" (Dent). Reviewed in These Columns on Jan. 26

An Iowa Fairy Tale From Phil Stong

The Rebellion of Lennie Barlow, by Phil Stong. New York: Farrar & Rinehart. \$2.

PHIL STONG is not commonly thought of as a writer of fairy tales. Neither his "State Fair" nor even the more romantic "Buckskin Breeches" earned him any such reputation. "State Fair" started him off with acclaim, but that was a realist of the rural regions, and "Buckskin Breeches" showed him able to write a stout tale of pioneering days in his Middle West, but these and his lesser works did not leave a reader divided, as his latest novel does, between elemental glee in a story that insists, whatever may happen, upon being finished in one sitting and the uncomfortable feeling that the characters are not convincing. They do not convince in spite of the paraphernalia of realism with which they are surrounded. Consider the chief character, the adolescent Lennie, lovable, admirable, but, like many other boys in fiction, far too adult.

Lennie was a newcomer in Pittsville, Iowa, brought there by his parents from the South—Tennessee, Louisiana, and Missouri, through Nebraska and Arkansas to Iowa, in a 16-year ordeal of stopping, working, having vicissitudes, and moving on. Yet Lennie's father is described as being effortlessly efficient and thoroughly honest, and his mother as one who let no grass grow under her feet.

Since Lennie's grade age was three years behind his chronological age, he had the misfortune to be put in Miss Marcy Latham's sixth grade. Miss Marcy was a septuagenarian who disciplined with a paddle. She was backed by a school superintendent who enforced education with a piece of rubber hose. Perhaps the story is a crusade against corporal punishment in Iowan small-town schools. However that may be, it is supposed to belong to the 1930's. Lennie's desk was in the "Long-legged Row," where he got into trouble at once by refusing to sit beside Ossie Bennings, whom Lennie called a "nigger." It was the first time the word had ever been heard in Miss Marcy's room, and she used the paddle on Lennie with a fury that disturbed even the aggrieved Ossie.

Miss Marcy had for a lifetime been paying for the war that was fought, as she looked at it, to prove that colored folk were as good as white people. The cost to her was represented by the

wreckage of her favorite brother, whom she had tended all the years since he was wounded at Chickamauga. Lennie Barlow, too, reared in the traditions of a remote corner of the South, was still fighting the Civil War. He declared hostilities on Miss Marcy, the school superintendent, and on Pittsville in so far as it put him in Coventry for being a Rebel.

Finally, a more tolerant spirit prevailed, promulgated by the village doctor, and encouraged by the young woman he had meant to marry, until they quarreled about "discipline." The fairy tale ending shows Lennie accepted as leader among his mates, admired by a sweet little girl, assured of a permanent home because his father has been able to buy a farm, and double-promotion out of Miss Marcy's domain into the eighth grade. And the doctor marries his young lady.

The doctor's break with his fiancée does not ring true. The Barlows' stanchness and ability belie their nomadic history. Lennie's victory is too sudden and too complete. Whether the Civil War still is being fought in Iowa is open to question. Yet, in spite of these strains on the reader's credulity, there is something in the homely incidents of

the story, in the reporting of ordinary conversations, especially among groups of men, something evidenced in a hundred small, authentic touches that keeps one tied to the book until it is finished. W. K. R.

Plight of the Share-Croppers

You Have Seen Their Faces, by Erskine Caldwell and Margaret Bourke-White. New York: Viking Press. \$5.

PERSONS FAMILIAR WITH Mr. Caldwell's many pleas for betterment of the lot of the southern share-croppers will seek in his newest book for his thoughts about what can be done about it. This book is largely another outcry that something should be done, now or never, with the shadow of three different makes of cotton-picking machines looming across the fields, threatening to disperse with the six weeks of handpicking that is now the period of highest hope for the share-croppers and tenant farmers.

Many thousands of people are waiting in the cotton country for an improvement in their lot that will assure them a bare subsistence level. Mr. Caldwell's book asserts. None of the plans for relief of this economic distress has worked. No plan can work, he believes, unless it is accompanied by re-education and supervision. There are two means of bringing about a change, he concludes: collective action among the tenant farmers themselves or gov-

ernment control of cotton farming.

Mr. Caldwell maintains that there is urgent need of a non-political government commission to make an authoritative study of tenant farming in the cotton country. The plantation system is integrally for the benefit of the landlord at the expense of the worker. On the other hand, the worker has been brought to such a low morale by the conditions under which he has been living for generations that, on the whole, he cannot be regarded as a responsible unit individually.

Mr. Caldwell tells his story for the most part in his customarily crushing laconic style. His indignation is implied rather than expressed and thus has all the more force.

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Wings on His Feet

ICE SKATING is doing its share these days to help put winter sports in the class of big business. Stores are selling more skates than ever before, for people who have been watching the amateur and professional carnivals are now going in for practice in the thoroughgoing way that causes any hobby or pastime to yield its full possibilities in the way of diversion.

According to Roy Shipstad, now heading the second annual tour of "Ice Follies," much of the pleasure of the spectators arises from a feeling that those skillful ice maneuvers are expressive of the onlookers' yearnings to skate. That is why he keeps the accent on the note of showmanship, rather than trying to build an entertainment out of purely exhibition turns. Not too much is to be made of the difficult things, he says. That is, the spectators should not be specially conscious of the details of an expert performance. Those who know the niceties of ice skating will appreciate what is being done, but the general spectator is out to have a good time at a show that combines grace, skill and humor, in a setting that is handsome to the eye and has a well-handled musical background.

Mr. Shipstad's remark reminded the writer of Fred Stone's story of perfecting a one-arm handstand by means of four years' practice, and getting only a few scattered handclaps when he finally showed the stunt to an audience. The feat was so difficult that he had been obliged to accomplish it in a smooth way in order to do it at all. The finished product, for this reason, looked

so easy that the spectators were mildly bored. Stone never did it again in public.

So Mr. Shipstad makes no special window dressing of stunts that the spectators cannot hope to master short of many years' apprenticeship—those switches from inside to outside edge spread-eagles, those adagio spins in which he swings Bess Ehrhardt with one arm, those Jackson-Hains spins with which he traverses the length of the arena in three movements.

He prefers the free style, because it adds to the pleasure of the majority of the spectators. "I don't mind even when there is a flaw in one of my figures, the sort of thing a judge would give you a demerit for in a competition," he says. "Having made a slip, I can do it over correctly, and perhaps some onlooker will be encouraged to try skating." Roy has the teacher's angle, having been coach for the Baltimore Skating Club. Before that, he was an instructor in his home town of St. Paul, Minn.

It was in St. Paul that Roy and his brother Eddie got their start as skaters when they were small boys helping to scrape and sweep the ice in the outdoor rinks. They have been together ever since, with Eddie chiefly following the comedy branch that is so helpful in building up a rounded entertainment. Eddie's specialties are done with Oscar Johnson. They have worked together for 18 years in their horse act, their Bowery dance characterizations, and other turns.

Roy has gone in for straight skating, the free style, in which, of course, he makes use of the school figures as foundation for all his numbers. He managed to pick up all these figures while making a living out of scratch exhibitions in the Northwest. One of his teachers was C. I. Christianson, a roller skate champion at 35 and an ice champion at 51. Christianson was a night telegrapher on the Northern Pacific, and used to go skating afternoons through the long winter in the Minnesota lake country, where they count on skating from Thanksgiving until April. Then there was Julian Nelson, who brought from Sweden the figures of the continental



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style. Nelson's four daughters are now doing a much-applauded mazurka in the "Ice Follies."

Skaters up St. Paul way thought Roy was tops in exhibitions, so they raised a fund to send him to the national championships at New Haven, one year. He arrived half an hour late, and hurried on to the ice in the sweater and trouser get-up that he had traveled in from St. Paul. For the first time he saw top-notch competitive skaters in the academic costumes, including tights. He had to put several of his figures together to catch up with his place on the program, but finally came out of the competition in third place among the 30 contestants, which he still feels was doing very well.

He was 17 then, and had been runner-up for the Northwest Championship when he was 15. To make a living out of skating, he then turned professional. One engagement, at the College Inn, Chicago, lasted for 16 months. It was there he skated with Miss Bess Ehrhardt on a 34-foot rink. From this long engagement and association with Edward A. Mahlke, Oscar Johnson, and his brother Eddie, grew the plans for the "Ice Follies" of last year. This year the tour is to last until April 7, winding up with a week's performance in the Chicago Stadium.

Roy Shipstad today is called the American professional figure skating champion, but he is as much interested as ever in persons who are just discovering the delights of skating. He encourages everyone to increase their knowledge of varied figures

as a means of adding to their pleasure in skating. Too many are content to go round and round in one direction. As soon as they can skate left to right they should practice circling from right to left, so as to get the feel of all four edges. Back skating, in both directions, should follow, then figure 8's, with a resulting gain in freedom and length of line.

To Roy Shipstad, skating after 20 years is still fun. The smile with which he carries off his tango number is not put on for the occasion. For an hour it played across his face as he talked with the writer over a lunch table in Boston. He is all for expression in skating. It is expression, response to the spectators, that has made Bess Ehrhardt such a favorite, he says, and her ability to improvise, seemingly, with a cartwheel or some other unexpected bit of acrobatics to vary the effect of graceful straight work.

Then there are the possibilities of swing music, which he is experimenting with now, as a means of giving variety of rhythm to the figures. March tunes as well as waltzes are also used in the "Ice Follies." The possibilities of design in line maneuvers are being explored in the ensemble numbers. One coiling and uncoiling turn arouses some of the heartiest applause of the evening. There is nothing difficult about it, but it is enormously pleasing to the eye.

Roy remarked that skating favors a girl, when the effect of charm is sought, whereas a man must take care not to pause too long in a pose lest the men in the audience think him a bit sissy. He accepts all that as a part of his study of showmanship, as it applies to the modern ice carnival, and laughs it off.

E. C. SHERBURNE

Learned From the Wasp

NEXT TIME you discover a wasp busily at work building its nest, watch closely, for you will be observing the process that taught men how to make paper out of wood. That is, if it happens to be a social wasp that you observe, for this species builds papery nests, while the solitary wasp constructs cells of mud or sand.

In building its home, the social wasp likely as not will take a sliver of dry wood from a fence rail or some other handy object. This is carefully chewed into a pulp, moistened and, when worked into a paste, is spread out to dry.

Tirelessly continuing this process, the hymenopterous insect, as the naturalists classify it, eventually completes a fine new home, a cone actually made of pulp-wood paper such as forms the basis of the \$1,000,000,000 paper industry of the United States. The wasp fastens its abode to the overhanging bough of a tree with paper bands also of its own manufacture.

From the time, 2000 years ago, when the wisdom of the Chinese philosopher, Ts'ai Lun, was written on the bark of the mulberry tree, many different materials have been used for recording words—rags, seaweed, cabbage stalks, potatoes, asparagus, bananas, straw, and many others. But, less than a century ago, a machine was devised by a German which successfully ground wood into pulp, and marked the turning point for the paper industry.

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Digging Up History

Excavations, with their fascinating discoveries bearing on the civilization of thousands of years past, are constantly going forward in Asia, Mexico, Alaska—even in the United States.

Excavations for the purpose of learning new details of the lives of people with whom every student of modern American history is acquainted are relatively new. Yet the past year has seen brought to semi-completion several archaeological undertakings which relate to the ways of life of people of a few hundred years back.

The examination of the ruins of the Mannsfield mansion near Fredericksburg, Virginia, has to do with a period only a century and a half ago. That impressive dwelling, with its eight-room basement, was built in 1770 on the general plan of Mt. Airy on the Rappahannock River, a house still well preserved and still owned by the Tayloe family, whose ancestors planned and erected it. Mannsfield was destroyed well within the memory of contemporaries who can recall the days of the Civil War.

Boys from the Civilian Conservation Corps have done the spade work on these modern historical digs, with the probable result that many future archaeologists have had their enthusiasm kindled for a type of scientific work which might never have occurred to them without the practical experience thus gained. Exacting as the work is, often involving the use of hand trowels, whisk brooms and specially built hooks and scrapers, the boys have enjoyed their tasks.

Yorktown, Virginia, has been one of the scenes of activity and now on display for visitors to the National Park museum there are glass and chinaware used by the English colonials of the seventeenth century and those who came after. The sites of the old Reynolds house and of Swann Tavern, destroyed by explosives in 1862, during the Civil War, have yielded iridescent glass bottles, inkwells, china plates, pottery, stoneware.

One of the most valuable items is said to be a graybeard jug, fragments of which were found behind Swann Tavern. This salt-glazed stoneware has been identified as a product of Freschen, near Cologne, Germany, about 1700.

William Reynolds was a prosperous merchant of Yorktown, and the finds on Lot No. 31, the site of his home, have been studied in connection with a book of his letters published in the eighteenth century, in which he told of the articles he imported and sold. In addition to much glass and pottery, Lot No. 31 yielded officers' gilded shoulder straps, buttons from soldiers' uniforms—one bearing the figure "41," which identifies it as from a uniform of the Regiment of Soissonnais from France. Clay wig curlers were unearthed—small cylinders for wrapping and tying the tight curls. Many of these bore the makers' marks and some were

in such excellent condition as to make it appear that a case of them in Reynolds's storehouse had never been sold or used.

Tableware, knives and forks with "pistol" handles, a silver spoon with a "rat-tail" handle, officers' brass spurs, tooled heel straps, were among the discoveries. Upon the silver spoon, in fact, was the maker's mark, indicating that it was probably made by John Brodnax, a little-known Virginia silversmith who worked in the early years of the eighteenth century.

A French battery under Rochambeau, as every school child knows, aided General George Washington's army in bottling up Cornwallis in Yorktown in 1781. The Government's archaeological work has now located the exact spots where the French trenches lay. Moreover, there have been recovered by diving operations thousands of historically important articles from British ships sunk in the York River during the siege of Yorktown. Among these are four 12-pound cannon, blocks from the ship's gear, a grindstone, salt pork barrels, pewter tableware. The divers have learned



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how the interiors of these frigates were constructed and a full-size reproduction has been built and furnished with recovered and duplicated objects.

On Jamestown Island, the excavations have added tangible knowledge to the data in available historical records about

what went on in this seventeenth-century settlement. Old boundary lines of original land grants and survey plats were

located, then these were correlated with excavated property line ditches and brick foundations to identify the houses which once stood there. Thousands of fragments of glass, pottery, iron and other metals were found and studied. Building materials and various objects of semi-antiquity are now on display in the park museum.

Still another noteworthy bit of historical excavation has just been brought to the stage where announcements can be made concerning it. This involves the work in and around General George Washington's headquarters during the winter of 1779-80, in what is now Morristown National Park, New Jersey. George Washington was quartered in the Ford mansion, according to historical records, a building which has been preserved. The foundations of five buildings in the vicinity have been uncovered and identified.

Many artifacts have been found—handwrought hardware, buttons, handwrought nails, flints, and so on. Considered of great importance are the indications that the present elevation or terracing of the land is two feet higher than the original grade around the building.

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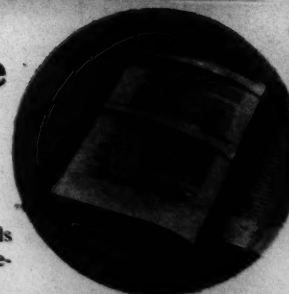
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Gardens Hang Like Balconies in Madeira

THE FIRST PORT of call from New York on one Mediterranean cruise is the Island of Madeira. Cruise passengers, embarking perhaps in a winter blizzard, usually are not prepared for the summer beauty of this Portuguese island which has won the descriptive title of "Flower Garden of the Atlantic."

As the visitor first sees the island from shipboard, he is impressed with the magnificence of the green clad mountains rising from the sea to a height of 6000 feet. The harbor city of Funchal is unusually attractive, as the houses spread inward from the coast up the sides of the hills which rise abruptly in the form of an amphitheater.

To one who has even the most casual interest in horticulture, Madeira presents a fascinating study. The island has few indigenous plants and trees. Most of the vegetation has been introduced and naturalized since the Portuguese colonization. Flowers and plants from nearly every country are to be found on the island. One might consider Madeira as a vast botanical garden which abounds with pines from Brazil, Australian eucalyptus, figs from India, coral-pines from the West Indies, camphor trees from Japan, giant tree-ferns from New Zealand, and mangoes, palms, mimosa and magnolias from Asia. Aside from the novelty of finding these unusual specimens growing in proximity, one's interest in them is considerably heightened by the picturesque of their shapes, which is the result of being storm-bent by strong trans-Atlantic winds.

In Madeira the gardens constantly remind one of delightful Czech embroideries. The rich volcanic soil is terra cotta, matching the red-tiled roofs of the pastel colored houses. The gardens have a peculiar charm, due to a great extent to the different levels of the terraces, which seem to hang like balconies one above the other. The



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The Top of the Mountain, 3,000 Feet Above Funchal, Is Reached by a Cog Railway. Madeira Embroidery and Laces Are Displayed in Funchal's Narrow Streets (Top Right) and Tourists Ride About in Slow But Picturesque Ox Sleds

general plan, which most Madeira gardens follow, is simple. Usually of rectangular shape, paved with small basaltic rocks, the gardens are enclosed by high walls except on the ledge of the terraces where they are replaced by balustrades. Brilliant flower beds lead from the gate to the villa entrance and the remainder of the space back of the wide borders is filled with fruit trees, ferns or sugar cane. Many of the gardens contain pergolas or trellises (called vine corridors by the natives) which support grapes or flowering vines. The separate flower beds are not confined to the cultivation of a single species, but contain many specimens which are grouped together in such a wealth of color that one is hardly aware of the lack of turf. Some of the larger gardens have intriguing stone-paved terraces and stairways, with effectively placed balustrades and parapets which afford a footing for colorful potted plants.

The height of bloom fortunately comes during the tourist season which lasts from January to April. Visitors always comment on the number of gorgeous hues of vines or "flowering creepers," the favorites being the magenta and crimson bougainvillea, the orange bignonia, the scarlet passion-flower, and the white and lavender wisteria, which form solid masses of color on the garden walls, balustrades and cliffs. Huge poinsettias, azaleas, the yellow daisy-like flowers of the Senecio, the deep blue



By Burton Holmes
From Ewing Galloway

"FLOWER GARDEN OF THE ATLANTIC"

Madeira Rises Abruptly From Its Lovely Harbor to Meet a Background of Lofly Hills, and the Terraced Streets and Gardens Have a Charm Peculiar to This Attractive Portuguese Isle

spikes of the "Pride of Madeira," agapanthus, fuchsias, Belladonna lilies and countless other plants are commonly found in most gardens, and occasionally straying along the roadsides. Heliotrope, begonias, hydrangeas, rosemary, bouvardias, pelargoniums, plumbago and salvias grow to enormous size. Callas frequently bloom consecutively for eight months, while freesias, which grow in abundance, seed themselves. Clipped shrubs of various sorts, including box and an ornamental foliage plant called Wigandia, are used extensively for edgings. One of the handsomest trees is the Brazilian jacaranda, with its huge clusters of purplish-blue flowers and evergreen fern-like foliage, which is greatly admired by visitors and is found in profusion along the roadways as well as in many gardens.

There is a practical side to Ma-



GARDEN OF BLUE JACARANDA

deira gardening. The chief agricultural products include grapes, sugar cane, bananas, coffee, pineapples, dates, figs and pomegranates. There are few large plantations on the island. Each tenant farmer allots certain portions of his land to the different crops which are often interplanted with flowers. There is no rainfall during the summer months and the farmers depend upon irrigation. The picturesque villa-strewn valleys are terraced to prevent erosion.

The natural beauty of Madeira scenery, even without the flowers is spectacular. Only in the highest altitudes are the trees deciduous, and regulations exist which oblige any person who cuts down a tree, to plant another one in its place. Numerous deep ravines are filled with ferns. The steeply terraced hillsides are covered with Scotch heather and whortleberry bushes, as throughout the island

there is very little grass. Reeds and willows grow in profusion along the streams and furnish material for basket and furniture making.

A train on a cog railway slowly climbs the mountain for 3,000 feet above the city of Funchal. Children run along beside the cars tossing nosegays to the passengers. One has ample time to observe the gardens, the gorgeous views, and the many species of scarlet-flowered aloes, which cling to the sheer face of the cliffs. The trip down is made with great speed in sled cars with greased runners, and one is so busy holding on to the cart that the scenery is a blurred mass of color. When visitors reluctantly leave the island they fill their staterooms with flowers to remind them of those picturesque terraced gardens. F. H.

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Over the Editor's Desk

Letters

"This Interdependent World"

The Christian Science Monitor, Weekly Magazine Section:

I wish to congratulate you on the publication in your Magazine Section of January 12 of Ramsay Muir's article, "This Interdependent World," and to commend its reading and the political and economic philosophy proclaimed therein, to all students and others seeking a solution of current world problems, including that of war.

In a few simple, lucid paragraphs, Professor Muir outlines the causes and the cure for a large part of the economic distress at present afflicting the world, and rightly emphasizes the maldistribution of wealth occasioned by national isolation policies and trade barriers as the principal causes.

Apropos of Professor Muir's suggestions, will the politicians and superpatriots never learn (what would seem to be so patent to all right-minded men) that the erection of trade barriers between nations serves only to promote and aggravate the international distrust, fear, jealousy and hatred which vex the world today and which so often lead to war; and that these non-social tendencies feeding upon each other, in turn foster still greater isolation, distrust and downright misery, until the misguided and bewildered nations resort to war as the only apparent solution of their problems? Or learning, will they have the courage to apply the obvious remedy?

Will statesmen and people never learn the elementary yet fundamental truth that the better acquainted nations become (made so in great measure by the demolition of trade barriers) the less likely they are to fight each other; that the more they are actuated by the spirit of "live and let live," which implies freedom of commercial intercourse, the more likely they are to be happy and prosperous?

DAVID A. OREBAUGH

Winter Park, Fla.

Correction . .

The Christian Science Monitor Weekly Magazine Section:

In the book review of the "Three Rossetis" in your Magazine Section of January 12, your critic named the author as Janet Camp Croxell. The correct name is Janet Camp Troxell.

ANNA LOCKE

Cambridge, Mass.

Today's Contributors . .

FROM POLITICAL theory to the practical business of cattle ranching represents the varied offering of this week's Magazine Section. Dr. FRANZ BORKENAU starts the number with a discussion of the program of the Portuguese corporate state. He is a writer on Latin affairs whose name has appeared in the Magazine on several occasions.

This is the season when special thought is given to Abraham Lincoln and his contributions to world thought. MALCOLM BAYLEY, who is a member of the Monitor staff in Boston, knows the "Lincoln country" of Kentucky and Indiana very well, and he uses that knowledge as the basis for his article.

Colonial matters are prominent in any consideration of international relations. F. A. W. LUCAS, who presents a point of view on the subject, is an advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa and one of His Majesty's Counsel there. He lives in Johannesburg. From 1925 to 1935 he was chairman of the Union Wage Board, in 1925 and 1926 he was a member of the

Economic and Wage Commission, and in 1930 to 1932 he was a member of the Native Economic Commission.

A playwright himself, and a member of the London editorial staff of the Monitor, ERIC FORBES-BOYD writes with intimate knowledge of the sensations an author experiences as his play is made ready for theater audiences.

While interstate compacts on wages and other labor matters do not excite wide popular interest,



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IN THE MAKING

they are extremely important. ETHEL M. JOHNSON, who writes on this topic, is a resident of Washington. Under Governor Winant of New Hampshire, she assisted some time ago in organizing the New Hampshire Commission on Interstate Compacts and served as a member and as secretary of the Commission. She represented the Governor at various conferences, and was chairman of the committee of the Interstate Conference on Labor Compacts which drafted the minimum wage section of the Compact approved by Congress last summer. She has studied interstate labor compacts at the International Labor Office in Geneva, and has written various articles of a specialized character on the subject.

The week's Magazine Editorial is by PEARL STRACHAN of the Boston staff of The Christian Science Monitor. CHARLES J. BELDEN is the owner of the Pitchfork ranch at Pitchfork, Wyoming, a devotee of the sort of flying he describes, and a photographer of skill.

Favorite Sports

What is the most popular sport in the United States, from the standpoint of the spectators? Box office receipts answer that query, and give the honors to basketball. About 80,000,000 tickets are sold in one year to basketball games, baseball coming next with 50,000,000 tickets. Football, boxing, horse racing, wrestling and hockey follow in that order.



AT 5 AND 10 STORES

Bridge of Ships

NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED early in 1938 by the United States Maritime Commission for the construction of 34 new merchant ships, at a cost of \$110,000,000, not only gave the nation's reviving shipbuilding activities a decided thrust, but call attention to an important anniversary in world history that occurs next summer.

Something over 333,000 tons of ocean ships were under construction in American shipyards last November, and the 14 new craft to be laid down in 1938, in the new ship-subsidy program, will help tremendously in maintaining shipyard activities, which have come a long distance since the 1933 low point, when only 10,771 tons of merchant shipping went down the ways in this country.

Stimulating as the shipyard revival is after a long lull, it carries one back in memory to an eventful day 20 years ago—to the anniversary of United States Independence Day, July 4, 1918—when a spectacular chapter in the annals of American shipping was written.

In that year, scores of the world's proudest ships were resting at the bottom of the ocean, victims of persistent submarine warfare which had hastened the entry of the United States into the great conflict. Nations 3000 miles over the seas were calling upon the United States to save them from hunger, and there was equally urgent need to transport millions of soldiers to France. But the country did not have a merchant marine that could tackle the job, and the other nations had no ships to spare.

Sooner than the most hopeful expected, a bridge of ships was built over the Atlantic. American energy and inventive genius produced a new type of vessel, the pre-fabricated ship. The various parts were built in factories, sometimes hundreds of miles inland, transported to shipyards at the seacoast, and there assembled.

A great fleet thus was built and launched in an unprecedented space of time. The highlight of

this spectacular shipbuilding race came when 90 ships slid down the ways at the same moment, on July 4, 1918, in shipyards in various parts of the country. That record will be difficult to surpass. The event was triumphantly celebrated throughout the United States, and was hailed by nations around the world as a good omen for the program of the Allies.

In carrying this ingenious manufacturing program to consummation, many of the vessels were constructed in two sections, at ports on the Great Lakes, almost 1000 miles from the Atlantic. They were loaded with cargo and sent through the canal locks in separate sections, into the St. Lawrence River. The two parts were joined when the craft reached tidewater.

As a result of that great maritime drive, more than 900 ships totaling in excess of 3,000,000 tons were turned out of American shipyards in 1918. The following year, more than 1000 were launched, aggregating more than 4,000,000 tons, and in 1920 another 500 went down the ways,

totaling nearly 2,250,000 tons. That set a world record in shipbuilding, but in the succeeding years, American shipbuilding activity dwindled away to a mere fraction of these figures.

Hope for a merchant marine that will place the United States up in front with the maritime nations now rests largely with the new Maritime Commission, which has at last cleared its decks for action.

Building Construction

It is estimated that in normal times the volume of building and construction in the United States should average more than \$12,000,000,000 annually, giving employment to more than 3,000,000 workers at the construction sites, and to another 3,000,000 or 4,000,000 engaged in producing and transporting the raw materials.

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